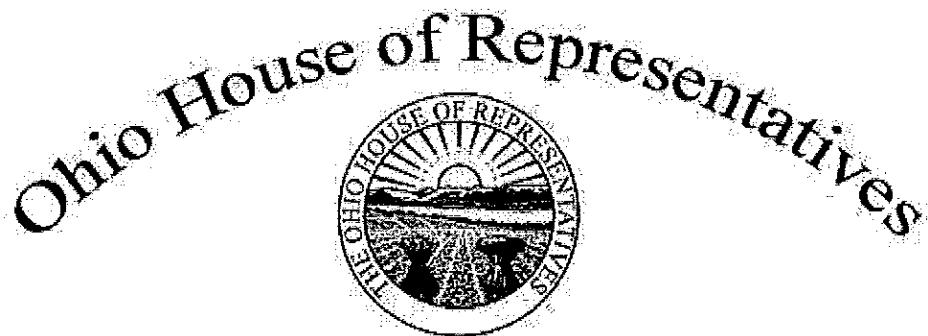


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**Sent:** Thursday, February 2, 2017 11:08 AM  
**To:** Thawley, Roanna  
**Subject:** DEADLINE EXTENDED Co-Sponsor Request: Public Sector Right-to-Work

**\*\*Deadline extended to Monday, February 6, 2017 @  
5 PM.\*\***



Representative John Becker  
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*Roanna Thawley*

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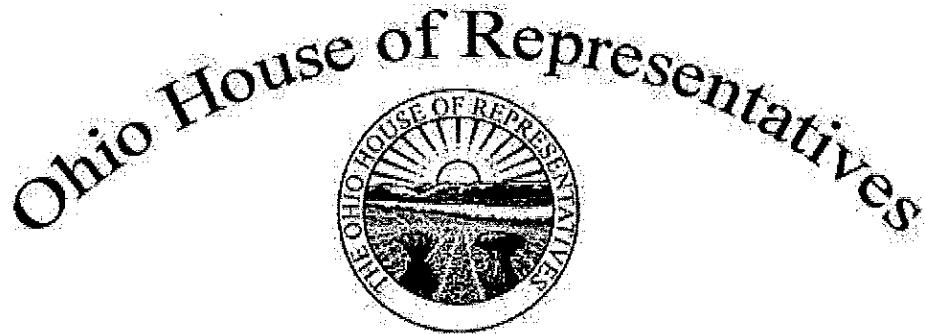
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**Current co-sponsors are Representatives Hood, Brinkman, Dean, Thompson, Vitale, Goodman, Riedel, Roegner, Merrin, Antani, Zeltwanger, and Keller.**  
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## HOUSE E-CLIPS

2/14/2017



### **LOBBYIST PUSHING INTERSTATE CONNECTING TOLEDO, COLUMBUS**

A transportation lobbyist says he hopes the Trump administration's promise to invest billions on infrastructure could revive long dormant plans to build an interstate between Toledo and Columbus.



### **HOUSE SPEAKER UNHAPPY THAT AMBITIOUS LARRY HOUSEHOLDER WANTS OFF COMMITTEES**

A lawmaker trying to resign from his recently approved committee assignments is unusual, especially for a freshman.

### **KASICH TO GIVE STATE OF STATE IN HOME OF ROLLER COASTERS AND MERRY-GO-ROUNDS**

With an up-and-down record of success dealing with his fellow Republicans in the Ohio legislature, perhaps it's appropriate that Gov. John Kasich deliver his annual State of the State speech near the Roller Coaster Capital of the World.

### **YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW: DRUG-DEATH RECORDS WOULD BE SECRET**

The administration of Gov. John Kasich is out to add exemption (gg) to the Ohio public records act.

### **THE DAILY BRIEFING: FORMER CONGRESSMAN, STATE LAWMAKER FORM LOBBYING FIRM**

A former congressman, the former state tax commissioner and the former No. 2 leader of the Ohio House have teamed up to form a new lobbying and consulting firm.

**Dayton Daily News**  
www.daytondailynews.com

## **WHAT DO YOU WANT GOV. KASICH TO FOCUS ON IN 2017?**

Once again, Ohio Gov. John Kasich is taking his annual State of the State address to the General Assembly on the road, and this time he is asking lawmakers to travel to Sandusky for the event on April 4.

## **THE PLAIN DEALER**

### **JOSH MANDEL, GEARING UP FOR 2018 SENATE RUN, HAS RECRUITED CAMPAIGN LEADERS IN ALL 88 OHIO COUNTIES**

State Treasurer Josh Mandel, who continues to assemble an early-developing campaign operation for U.S. Senate in 2018, on Monday announced the names of campaign leaders in all 88 Ohio counties.

### **LEARN HOW MUCH A NEW COLLEGE SAVINGS PROPOSAL IN OHIO COULD SAVE YOU**

A proposal introduced in Ohio Senate last month could sharply increase state income tax savings for some people contributing to 529 Ohio college saving plans.

### **'RIGHT-TO-WORK' BILL INTRODUCED IN OHIO HOUSE**

Legislation that would make Ohio a "right-to-work" state is back, but it's unclear how far the controversial measure will go after voters rejected a prior effort to scale back public union bargaining rights.

### **THAT TIME PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP CRASHED A LINDNER'S WEDDING: OHIO POLITICS ROUNDUP**

Youngstown is off for President Donald Trump. Sandusky is on for Gov. John Kasich. And Cliff Rosenberger finds a not-so-subtle way to show there's only one Ohio House speaker at a time.

## **THE ENQUIRER**

### **HOW YOUNG IS TOO YOUNG? 36,000 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS**

Ohio schools dole out up to 36,000 suspensions to elementary students each year — a number that stunned a Republican lawmaker into seeking a ban on many suspensions and expulsions.

## **THE BLADE**

### **SENATORS' REGISTRY BILL MOVES FORWARD**

Under a bill about to be introduced, Ohio would join five states that require certain offenders with violent pasts to register their whereabouts, much as sex offenders are required to do.

## **KASICH LOOKS TO DELIVER 2017 ADDRESS IN SANDUSKY**

Sandusky had wanted Gov. John Kasich to deliver his final State of the State address as part of the city's bicentennial celebration in 2018, but it's more than happy to welcome him a year early.

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## HOUSE E-CLIPS

2/15/2017

### The Columbus Dispatch

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#### **ARE LOCAL RESOURCES ENOUGH TO COMBAT OHIO'S OPIOID EPIDEMIC?**

Roger T. Winemiller lost his sister to a heroin overdose the night before Easter last year.

#### **TRUMP MAY SHRINK EPA, BUT EFFECTS IN OHIO TO BE DELAYED**

President Donald Trump's first few weeks have left Washington disoriented and environmentalists worried.

#### **OHIO HOUSE DEMS SAY GOP TAX CUTS AREN'T WORKING**

House Democrats say Ohioans need to wake up and realize the Republican tax plans passed over the past decade have not been working to create jobs.

#### **MOST VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS WOULD LOSE FUNDING UNDER KASICH PROPOSAL**

Like Ohio's libraries and K-12 school districts, vocational schools soon could be feeling the squeeze of Ohio's tightening purse strings.

#### **LATEST STUDY: OHIO-STYLE MEDICAID MAY SAVE \$1B A YEAR**

Even if your eyes glaze at the mere mention of Medicaid, this might widen your peepers: Ohio's revamped setup is saving taxpayers \$1 billion annually — and the amount is growing.

#### **OHIO NURSES WANT LAW LIMITING NURSE-PATIENT RATIOS**

Arguing that hospitals put patient care at risk by overworking essential front-line caregivers, nurses across Ohio are pushing lawmakers to limit the number of patients for whom they are responsible.

#### **EDUCATION INSIDER: SOME IN COLUMBUS SCHOOLS DATA-RIGGING SCANDAL**

#### **YET TO BE PUNISHED**

Will the state Department of Education ever discipline dozens of Columbus City Schools principals and other administrators who participated in the district's data scandal?

#### **THE DAILY BRIEFING: ROB SECAUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OHIO GOP**

The Ohio Republican Party has a new person in charge of the day-to-day operations.

#### **THE DAILY BRIEFING: JOANNA SAUL HIRED AS PLANNED PARENTHOOD STATE LEGISLATIVE LIAISON**

Joanna Saul has a new job with Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio as vice president of government affairs and public advocacy.

## **Dayton Daily News**

[www.daytondailynews.com](http://www.daytondailynews.com)

### **2 REASONS ONE DEMOCRAT SAYS 'OHIO IS GOING IN A TERRIBLE DIRECTION'**

Ohio Democratic Party Chairman David Pepper will visit Butler County tonight to talk about the upcoming statewide political cycle.

### **WEST CHESTER WEIGHS IN ON OHIO'S 'RIGHT-TO-WORK' LEGISLATION**

West Chester Twp. trustees say it would be great if Ohio turned into a "right to work" state, because then the township wouldn't have to.

## **THE PLAIN DEALER**

### **TALK IT OUT: SHOULD OHIO BECOME A 'RIGHT TO WORK' STATE?**

Legislation has been introduced for a second time that would allow Ohio to join the growing ranks of states limiting union membership and collective bargaining. The measure was placed before state lawmakers Monday.

### **CURSIVE HANDWRITING BACK IN SCHOOLS? SOME LEGISLATORS WANT TO REQUIRE IT**

Some state legislators have renewed efforts from two years ago to bring cursive handwriting back to Ohio's elementary schools.

### **JOSH MANDEL'S SENATE CAMPAIGN NAMES PORTAGE COUNTY CHAIRWOMAN - - BUT IT'S NEWS TO HER**

Senate candidate Josh Mandel's announcement that he had recruited campaign chairs in each of Ohio's 88 counties caught at least one person by surprise: Janet Esposito, the woman he listed as leading the charge for him in Portage County.

### **OHIO TEACHERS WOULD HAVE TO JOB SHADOW AT A BUSINESS TO RENEW LICENSES UNDER GOV. JOHN KASICH'S BUDGET**

Ohio teachers would have to job shadow someone in a local business to renew their licenses under a provision in Gov. John Kasich's state budget proposal.

### **SUPERINTENDENTS: CUT STATE TESTS, END AS AND Fs ON STATE REPORT CARDS**

The state should stop grading schools and school districts with A through F grades, while also cutting the amount of state tests and making sure the tests help teachers teach students better, a group of local superintendents says.

## **ED FITZGERALD STILL HAS MONEY IN HIS CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT. HERE'S HOW HE HAS BEEN SPENDING IT**

Ed FitzGerald, the former Cuyahoga County executive who has kept out of the public eye since an unsuccessful bid for governor more than two years ago, continues to draw from a campaign account that started 2017 with a balance of nearly \$85,000.

## **STATE IS IGNORING THE PUBLIC'S WISHES IN ITS ESSA PLAN, 10 LOCAL SUPERINTENDENTS SAY**

A group of local superintendents and other educators questioned Monday the Ohio Department of Education's avoidance of any real changes the public sought in its proposed state education plan under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

## **BID TO BAN OHIO SANCTUARY CITIES A CRAVEN POLITICAL PLOY: EDITORIAL**

What does it mean to be a sanctuary city? To Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel, it seems, nothing more nor less than another stepping stone to higher office.

# **THE ENQUIRER**

## **KASICH: TEACHERS SHOULD JOB SHADOW WITH BUSINESSES TO RENEW LICENSES**

Teachers would have to complete "externships" – essentially, a high-level job shadow – with a local business to renew their licenses under a provision in Gov. John Kasich's budget proposal.

## **JOHN KASICH WOULD BLOCK ACCESS TO HEROIN DEATH REVIEWS**

Gov. John Kasich's budget would give counties a new way to review drug overdose deaths, but many components of those investigations into Ohio's drug epidemic could be shielded from public view.

## **OHIO DEMS HUNGRY FOR 2018 WIN, BUT IN LIMBO ON GOVERNOR'S RACE**

Ohio Democrats have no shortage of "maybes" lining up for the 2018 governor's race, with a dozen candidates pondering a bid.

# **THE BLADE**

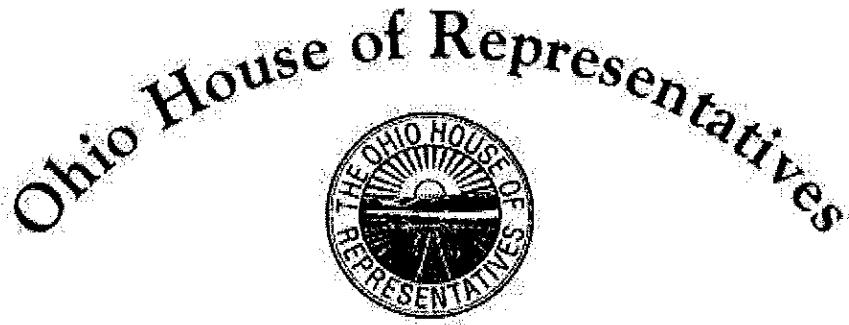
## **MANDEL LISTS CAMPAIGN LEADERS FOR SENATE BID**

Republican Senate candidate Josh Mandel has named campaign chairmen for his planned 2018 U.S. Senate run in every county.

## **SECAUR NAMED GOP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Ohio Republican Chairman Jane Timken appointed Rob Secaur as the state party's new executive director.

**From:** Miller, Josh  
**Sent:** Friday, February 17, 2017 4:12 PM  
**To:** Members\_All; Staff\_All  
**Subject:** Co-sponsor Request: Private Sector Right to Work



**Tom Brinkman, Jr.**  
*State Representative, 27<sup>th</sup> District*  
**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** All House Members  
**From:** Representative Tom Brinkman, Jr.  
**Date:** February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
**RE:** Private Sector Right to Work

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I will soon be introducing Private Sector Right to Work legislation. Our neighboring states of Michigan, Kentucky, West Virginia, and Indiana have passed Right to Work, and it is long overdue here in Ohio.

This important bill will help make Ohio businesses more competitive and prosperous by eliminating forced union dues and memberships. **No one should be forced to pay a union to get or keep a job.**

If you are interested in co-sponsoring please contact my legislative aide Josh Miller at 614-644-6886 or [Josh.Miller@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Josh.Miller@ohiohouse.gov) by the close of business on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Thank you,

**Tom Brinkman, Jr.**  
**Ohio House of Representatives**  
**District 27**

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## HOUSE E-CLIPS

2/24/2017



### **OHIO, WISCONSIN KICK-START TALKS ON MANAGING TRUMP EFFECT**

Republican legislative leaders from Ohio and Wisconsin are working together, hoping other states will join them, as they prepare for changes in how the federal government under President Donald Trump deals with states.

### **KASICH CLEARED TO GIVE STATE OF THE STATE SPEECH IN SANDUSKY**

Ohio lawmakers have signed off on the governor's plan to deliver his annual State of the State speech in Sandusky.

### **OHIO TASK FORCE FINDS MIXED PROGRESS ON COLLEGE COST-CUTTING**

The group said too few schools have identified how resources will improve college affordability and education quality.



### **TRUMP-ERA CHALLENGES BRING OHIO, WISCONSIN LEADERS TOGETHER**

Republican legislative leaders from Ohio and Wisconsin came together Thursday for what they hope will be an ongoing collaborative effort to prepare for when the Trump administration begins handing states more authority.

### **PLAN WOULD CUT PENALTY FOR MISSING FRONT PLATE**

Ohio lawmakers took a small step toward reducing the penalty for missing front license plates and exempted natural gas fleets from taxation in changes Thursday to the proposed state transportation budget.

### **Lt. GOV. TAYLOR CREATES GUBERNATORIAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE**

It comes as no surprise, but Mary Taylor now is a formal candidate in the crowded field for the Republican nomination for governor in 2018.

### **KASICH SUMMONED TO HELP CRAFT MEDICAID SOLUTION AMID OBAMACARE REPEAL**

Ohio Gov. John Kasich is among a small group of governors being called upon by congressional Republicans to help craft a solution to the Medicaid expansion conundrum amid the repeal and replacement of Obamacare.

## **Dayton Daily News**

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### **NEW RULES SET FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA USE IN OHIO**

Ohio is taking steps to make sure medical marijuana isn't pitched in a way that is attractive to kids by banning cartoon characters, candy look-alikes and fruit shapes and requiring child-resistant packaging.

### **OHIO STEP CLOSER TO RAISING LICENSE PLATE, DRIVER'S LICENSE FEES**

The Ohio House is scheduled to vote on a transportation budget bill Tuesday that includes increases in fees paid for vehicle plates and driver's licenses.

### **Lt. GOV. MARY TAYLOR SIGNALS SHE'S RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR IN 2018**

Republican Mary Taylor signaled on Thursday that she wants the top job when she filed paperwork for a new campaign committee titled: "Mary Taylor for Governor."

## **THE PLAIN DEALER**

### **MARY TAYLOR FOR GOVERNOR LAUNCHES**

In the surest sign yet that she will run for governor in 2018, Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor has formed a committee that allows her to begin campaigning and raising money for what stands to be a tough Republican primary.

### **OHIO CITIES COULD STOP PAYING PREVAILING WAGE TO CONSTRUCTION**

#### **WORKERS UNDER PROPOSED BILL**

Local governments could opt out of paying Ohio's prevailing wage on public construction projects under a new proposal from state Sen. Matt Huffman.

### **SEAN SPICER HEADLINING D.C. FUNDRAISER FOR OHIO SEN. FRANK LAROSE**

White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer is headlining a Washington, D.C. fundraiser for Ohio Sen. Frank LaRose next week, according to a flier for the event.

### **PROPOSED LIMITS FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA SUPPLY IN OHIO AMONG STRICTEST**

Proposed limits on how much medical marijuana Ohio patients could buy and possess would be among the strictest in the country.

### **2018 OHIO GOVERNOR'S RACE GETS MORE 'OFFICIAL' WITH MARY TAYLOR; OHIO POLITICS ROUNDUP**

Taylor takes the plunge: Ohio Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor on Thursday filed paperwork forming a gubernatorial campaign committee, and a website, [www.marytaylorforgovernor.com](http://www.marytaylorforgovernor.com), cleveland.com's Henry J. Gomez writes.

## **THE ENQUIRER**

### **SCHOOL SUBSTITUTE WAS NOT CERTIFIED, AUDITOR SAYS**

The state auditor is “alarmed” after two local school districts hired a substitute who was not certified.

### **PARKED VEHICLES WOULDN'T BE CITED FOR MISSING FRONT PLATE**

Those who want to eliminate Ohio's front license plate gained an inch Thursday.

### **GOP EFFORT COULD AX PREVAILING WAGE RULE FOR CONSTRUCTION**

#### **WORKERS**

Ohio's cities, townships and counties could decide to pay construction workers less than the state-mandated prevailing wage under a new GOP proposal – one that a union leader says abandons the blue-collar mandate from the election of President Donald Trump.

## **THE BLADE**

### **Lt. GOV. TAYLOR ANNOUNCES BID FOR GOVERNOR**

Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor, who has the support of current boss Gov. John Kasich, formed a committee Thursday for her own run for governor in 2018.

### **BUDGET PROVISION WOULD CUT VEHICLE FEES IN COUNTY**

A portion of registration fees imposed on commercial vehicles would be cut in Lucas and three other counties, as part of an experiment to see if more trucks register in Ohio as a result, under a proposal headed for a House of Representatives vote next week.

**From:** Ohio House Republican Communications  
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**Subject:** GOP Week in Review 2/27/17 – 3/5/17



## OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Majority Communications Department*

# GOP Week in Review

2/27/17 – 3/5/17

### **The Lima News: McColley helps pass state transportation budget**

McColley also chairs the House Finance Subcommittee on Transportation, which played a key role in crafting the bill. "House Bill 26 strikes a balance between financing Ohio's transportation priorities while being a responsible watchdog of taxpayer dollars," he said. "A lot of creative ideas and input went into the crafting of this budget, and I am confident that it will help Ohio meet its infrastructure needs in the future."

### **Gallipolis Daily Tribune: Ohio House passes transportation budget**

"This infrastructure package is an important step to rebuild our communities," said House Finance Chair Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell). "The transportation budget makes an investment of \$7.8 billion that will maintain our roads and improve our economic competitiveness."

### **Cincinnati Business Courier: Cincinnati could reap big benefits from Ohio transportation bill**

"We all know there's not enough money to do everything we need to do," said Rep. Doug Green, R-Mount Orab, chairman of the House's transportation committee.

### **Toledo Blade: Ohio House approves \$7.8B for transportation**

"This is a declining revenue source," said Rep. Robert McColley (R., Napoleon), the bill's sponsor. "Ohioans are paying less gas tax now than they have in years past. It's actually getting below the \$8 billion mark."

### **Circleville Herald: Rep. Scherer Votes for State Transportation Budget**

"I am pleased with the passage and to be a co-sponsor of the transportation budget," said Scherer. "This passage allows for us to put funding back into our state's infrastructure and continue growth all across the state of Ohio."

**The Morning Journal: Ohio lawmaker's highway bill aims to reach suffering veterans**

State Rep. Steve Hambley says it could help remind veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder to reach out for help.

**The Morning Journal: Ohio House approves bill on protective orders for dating violence**

Rep. Emelia Strong Sykes, an Akron Democrat, and Rep. Nathan Manning, a North Ridgeville Republican, are sponsoring the bill.

**Youngstown Vindicator: Pharmacists could offer much cheaper version of EpiPen if Ohio bill becomes law**

The Blade reports the bill introduced last week by state Rep. Derek Merrin would allow substitution only with the patient's permission. Doctors still can insist on the brand-name EpiPen. Merrin, a Republican, says he sees the bill as a national model, "free-market solution" to the Mylan pricing issue.

**The Morning Journal: Ohio Rep. Wes Rutherford reintroduces bill aimed at curbing elder abuse**

State Rep. Wes Rutherford= 2s Elder Justice Act unanimously cleared the Ohio House last year. ... Rutherford, a Hamilton Republican, said changes have been made to the bill to address the issues raised.

**Dayton Daily News: Butler County lawmaker re-introduces elder abuse bill**

Rutherford said he and now former Ohio Rep. Mike Dovilla, R-Berea, moved in 2014 to put a \$10 million appropriation for Adult Protective Services in the Mid-Biennium Review bill in anticipation of the Elder Justice Act "because that was the number one concern we heard back.= 4

**Cincinnati Enquirer: Guest column from Rep. John Becker: New right-to-work bill restores workers' rights**

It's about freedom. I authored Ohio House Bill 53 to restore the freedom of association to public-sector employees. This right-to-work legislation provides public-sector workers the freedom to opt out of union representation and dues. A private sector right to work bill will soon be introduced by one of my colleagues in the Ohio House of Representatives.

**Mount Vernon News: Goodwill opens in Fredericktown**

Rick Carfagna, State Representative of House District 68, was there to give the store an official welcome from the Ohio House of Representatives.

**The Findlay Courier: Editorial: SNAP fraud**

Two lawmakers, Rep. Tim Schaffer, R-Lancaster, and Sen. Matt Huffman, R-Lima, have proposed legislation that would add photos to food stamp EBT cards in an effort to

reduce “trafficking,” in which recipients swap SNAP benefits for money. The bills are worth consideration.

**Van Wert Independent: State legislators meet with SWCD staff**

State Representative Craig Riedel and State Senator Cliff Hite met this past week with representatives of the Van Wert County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) at the recent annual “Conservation Partnership Meeting” held in downtown Columbus.

**The Morrow County Sentinel: Mount Gilead High School seniors engage education experts in discussion**

Ohio House Representative from District 87, Wesley A. Goodman also discussed state and national perspectives on education with the students.

**Record Herald: Guest column from Speaker Cliff Rosenberger: Coming together to celebrate Ohio history**

It is no secret that I am a history enthusiast, especially when it comes to the stories of our state and nation. This week marked Ohio's 214th birthday, 214 years since its official induction into the United States.

**Circleville Herald: Rep. Scherer honors essay winner**

“I was honored to be able to recognize Kalila for her tremendous work in this competition and I was pleased to be able to discuss her passion for the issues she addressed in her writing piece,” Scherer said.

**Sentinel-Tribune: Gavarone appointed to House Finance Committee**

“I am honored by the speaker’s decision to appoint me to House Finance Committee,” Gavarone said. “I am excited to work with Chairman Smith and the other members of the Finance Committee as we move towards delivering a budget that benefits all citizens of Ohio.”

**Salem News: State Representative honors Wilson as state champion**

“It was an absolute privilege to honor Jared with a resolution today,” Ginter said. “Jared is a tremendously talented golfer, but also a very dedicated student for which he should be commended. I believe that Jared has a very bright future ahead.”

**Record Herald: Peterson discusses tax policy with municipal leaders**

“It’s important that we, as members of the House and Senate continue to meet with the representatives of our local municipalities, especially during the budget season,” said Representative Anielski. “Hearing their concerns allows us to craft a better, more responsive budget for the state of Ohio that works well on every level of governance.”

**WCMH: Ohio lawmakers hold first hearing on ‘Judy’s Law’**

"The judge and the prosecutor did their job the best they could under current law," Hughes said. "It's now time for us in the legislature to do our job to ensure that victims like Judy receive the justice they deserve."

**WSPD: Ohio lawmakers want harsher penalties for distracted driving**

"Law enforcement at that time would determine that distracted driving was the cause of the primary or contributing factor. The law enforcement officer could then charge an additional charge on with that which would be a minor misdemeanor," Hughes says.

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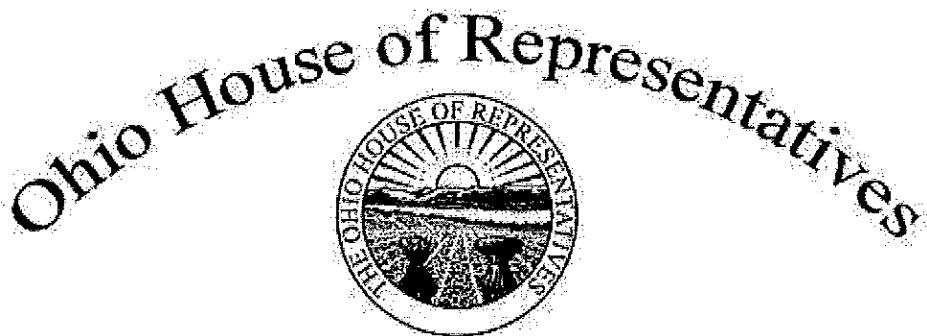
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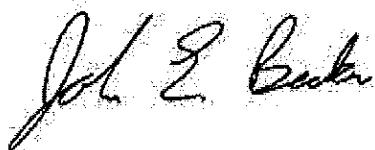
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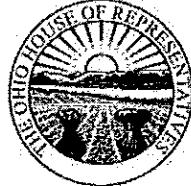
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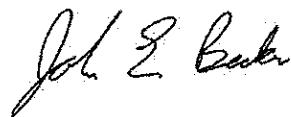
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## HOUSE E-CLIPS

12/20/2017

**The Columbus Dispatch**  
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### REPORT SUGGESTS STATE AGENCY ALREADY HAS VIOLATED NEW CONTRACTING POLICY

After The Dispatch revealed the Ohio Department of Administrative Services awarded \$15 million in unbid contracts to favored information-technology consultants, the agency promised to clean up its act.

### NEW WHALEY AD PRAISES WORK, PROMISES JOBS

Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley has released a new internet ad touting the dignity of work as she seeks the Democratic nomination for governor.

**Dayton Daily News**  
[www.daytondailynews.com](http://www.daytondailynews.com)

### LEHNER'S BILL AIMS TO CHANGE OHIO TEACHER EVALUATION SYSTEM

The Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES) could see significant changes if a bill recently introduced by State Sen. Peggy Lehner (R-Kettering) becomes law.

### STATE SENATOR TO RUN FOR MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSION

State Sen. Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City) today delclared his candidacy for a seat on the Miami County Commission.

**THE ENQUIRER**

### 'RIGHT TO WORK' IN OHIO? GOP LAWMAKER WANTS VOTERS TO CHOOSE

Undeterred by the acrimonious fight over Senate Bill 5, GOP Rep. John Becker wants voters to choose whether Ohio should become a right-to-work state.

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**Importance:** High

**Representative Craig S. Riedel**  
has signed on to all six of these constitutional amendments as a joint sponsor with Rep. Becker.

Each of the six amendments would appear on Ohio's general election ballot on November 3, 2020.

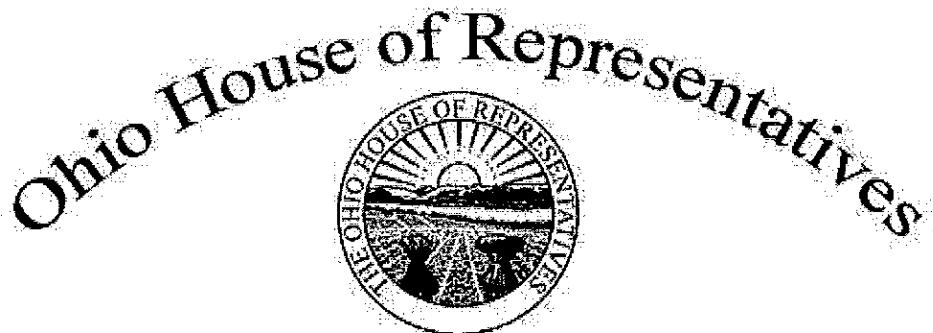
The current co-sponsors of all six are: Rep. Thompson, Rep. Brinkman, Rep. Dean, Rep. Keller, Rep. Roegner, and Rep. Zeltwanger.

Rep. Lang is a co-sponsor on the following constitutional amendments: private-sector right-to-work (amendment #1); public-sector prevailing wage (amendment #3); and public-

sector project labor agreements (amendment #5).

Rep. Vitale is a co-sponsor on public-sector right-to-work (amendment #2).

**Revised deadline to co-sponsor is TODAY at 5:00 PM.** Please note which constitutional amendment(s) you wish to co-sponsor.



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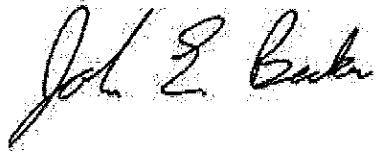
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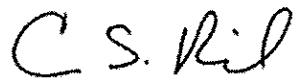
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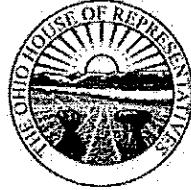


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## HOUSE E-CLIPS

1/8/2018



### **OHIO BANS SALE OF DOZENS OF INVASIVE PLANTS UNDER NEW RULES**

Ohio has banned the sale of more than three dozen invasive plant species under new rules that took effect Sunday.

### **PROPOSED OHIO LAW WOULD PREVENT FORCED NURSE OVERTIME**

A shortage of nurses in Ohio has prompted a state lawmaker to propose a law that would ban hospitals from requiring nurses to work overtime.



### **JOSH MANDEL QUITTING US SENATE CHALLENGE OF SHERROD BROWN SEAT**

Because of an unspecified health issue involving his wife, Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel is dropping out of the race to challenge Democratic U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown.

### **KASICH SETS PRIMARY FOR TIBERI SEAT FOR MAY 8; SPECIAL ELECTION ON AUG. 7**

Ohio Gov. John Kasich has set the elections in which voters will determine who will be nominated — and ultimately serve — the remainder of the term of resigning U.S. Rep. Pat Tiberi.

### **OHIO GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS MIGHT BE SOFTENED FOR CLASSES OF 2019 AND 2020**

The Ohio Board of Education is expected to urge lawmakers next week to back off tougher new requirements to graduate high school for at least another two years.

### **TAYLOR STAYS FIRM WITH GOVERNOR RUN; RENACCI REPORTEDLY CONSIDERING BID FOR SENATE**

Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor plans to stay the course with her run for the Republican gubernatorial nomination and will not seek to replace Josh Mandel in the GOP quest to unseat Democratic Sen. Sherrod Brown this year.

## **38 SPECIES OF INVASIVE PLANTS NOW ILLEGAL TO SELL IN OHIO**

Ohio is taking a swing at nature's bullies.

## **ECOT CASE PROMPTS CALLS FOR BETTER RULES TO VERIFY STUDENT ENROLLMENT**

As the Ohio Supreme Court prepares to hear arguments in ECOT's lawsuit regarding repayments for unverified students, some legislators say it's time for more clarity.

## **TOP OHIO HOUSE GOP AIDE LEAVING FOR CAMPAIGN ROLES**

After 15 years in the Ohio House, having worked his way up from low-level page to chief of staff for the speaker, Mike Dittoe is stepping down.

## **OHIO PURGE OF VOTER ROLLS GETS SUPREME COURT SCRUTINY THIS WEEK**

To the state of Ohio, it is nothing more than a housekeeping device to keep the voting rolls up to date.

## **OHIO SCHOOL DISTRICTS ANXIOUS FOR REFUNDS FROM ECOT'S \$60 MILLION REPAYMENT**

The checks are not yet in the mail, but they will be coming.

## **WILL 2018 BE THE YEAR OF THE WOMAN? SIGNS POINT TO YES**

On any given year, EMILY'S List — the Democratic organization that recruits pro-choice women to run for office — draws the interest of a few hundred women thinking of running for office.

## **EDITORIAL: LEGISLATURE FAILED OHIO CONSUMERS**

The Ohio legislature's blinkered priorities and pandering to industry interests is made plain in its failure to end the abusive practices of "submetering," which forces more than 28,000 households in central Ohio alone to pay heftier electricity and water bills.

# **Dayton Daily News**

[www.daytondailynews.com](http://www.daytondailynews.com)

## **GROUP PUSHING BALLOT MEASURE TO INCREASE REGULATION OF PUPPY MILLS**

Following a dramatic showdown between animal rights groups and agriculture heavy weights seven years ago, Ohio struck a deal to bring about sweeping reforms for how farm animals are handled.

## **ARE YOU OWED MONEY? OHIO'S UNCLAIMED FUND HITS \$2.6 BILLION**

Now that the holidays are over and the credit card bills are due, it might be a good time to check to see if the state of Ohio is hanging onto any money you forgot about.

## **ARE OHIO'S LICENSING RULES OUT OF WHACK?**

It takes nearly a year of training to become a licensed barber in Ohio, but one can become an advanced emergency medical technician — with the ability to administer narcotics — in less than six weeks.

# **THE PLAIN DEALER**

### **JOSH MANDEL DROPS OUT OF THE SENATE RACE**

Republican Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel announced Friday his withdrawal from the race for U.S. Senate.

### **JEFF JOHNSON, FORMER CLEVELAND COUNCILMAN, PLANS TO CHALLENGE OHIO SEN. SANDRA WILLIAMS IN MAY PRIMARY**

Jeff Johnson, just days after leaving office as a Cleveland council member following an unsuccessful run for mayor, says he plans to challenge Ohio Sen. Sandra Williams in the May Democratic primary.

### **WHAT ATTRIBUTES SHOULD A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE HAVE? IT'S NOT JUST THE "THREE R'S" ANYMORE**

What should a high school graduate look like in Ohio?

### **OHIO STILL HAS A POLITICAL GENDER GAP, BUT NOT IN THE RACE FOR GOVERNOR: A WOMAN'S PLACE**

Betty Sutton knows what it's like to be the only female politician in a room full of men.

### **VOTING IN OHIO MATTERS - LOOK AT THE 141 TIES AND ONE-VOTE RACES IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS: THOMAS SUDDES**

Ohio's neighboring state once-removed, Virginia, showed last week why every vote counts in American elections.

## **THE ENQUIRER**

### **JOSH MANDEL'S SHOCKING EXIT HAS REPUBLICANS CONCERNED. AND THEY DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME TO REPLACE HIM.**

Minutes after Republican U.S. Senate candidate Josh Mandel quit the race Friday afternoon, reality set in for Republicans.

## **THE BLADE**

### **REPUBLICAN LAWMAKERS PUSH TO MAKE OHIO "RIGHT TO WORK"**

More than six years after voters resoundingly rejected similar proposals at the polls, a package of proposed constitutional amendments have been introduced to make Ohio the 29th state to enact "right to work."

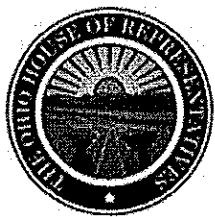
### **OHIO VOTERS WILL HAVE MULTIPLE CANDIDATES TO CHOOSE FROM IN 2018**

Ohio faces a mixed bag of political races this year, with contests ranging from governor all the way down to local judgeships and leadership of the Lucas County Republican Party.

### **EDITORIAL: OPIOID AID FOR OHIO'S TOWNS**

**Ohio, especially small-town Ohio, is now enduring a sociological and budgetary perfect storm.**

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## OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Majority Communications Department*

# GOP Week in Review

12/31/17 – 1/7/18

### **WKSU: Ohio's Year in Review 2017: Changes to education policy**

"Looking back, basically a time of transition and a time of starting to listen to what's going on in the field and starting to implement common-sense reforms as opposed to just mandates that people can't necessarily comply with," Brenner said.

### **Sandusky Register: Busy year for Shores & Islands**

In April we were proud to provide support to the governor's office, city of Sandusky, Cedar Point, state Sen. Randy Gardner, state Rep. Steve Arndt, TourismOhio and others in hosting the governor's State of the State address at the Sandusky State Theatre.

### **The Advertiser-Tribune: SRPC, elections board ready to go**

Reineke presented an Ohio flag and a U.S. flag that were flown over the state capitol building Dec. 19 as a gift to the elections panel. "I'm very happy to be here," he said. "We've all got to keep working together to make great things happen."

### **WOSU: Ohio lawmaker pushes for harsher penalties for parolees who fail drug tests**

Republican state Rep. Niraj Antani, the bill's sponsor, wants to create more access to treatment facilities and says jails should not be used as detox centers. "But until that time, jail is simply the best place for someone to detox and to be safely placed if they are (using) heroin and fentanyl - until we can figure out something else for them," Antani said.

### **Mansfield News Journal: Community honors law enforcement with 'Spread the Light'**

The evening ended with state Rep. Mark Romanchuk, R-Ontario, counting down to officers switching on the lights and sirens in more than a dozen police vehicles to officially "spread the light" and start the week.

**Associated Press: Proposed Ohio law would prevent forced nurse overtime**

State Rep. Robert Sprague, a Findlay Republican, said he's concerned that exhausted nurses working long hours can lead to preventable medical errors. "It's a recipe for problems," Sprague told The Dayton Daily News.

**Findlay Courier: Sprague bill would ban forced nurse OT**

A bill introduced in the Ohio House by state Rep. Robert Sprague, R-Findlay, would prohibit hospitals from requiring a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse to work overtime as a condition of employment.

**Wilmington News Journal: Guest column from Speaker Cliff Rosenberger: Buckeye Pathway guides policy**

This member-driven document outlines our priorities and serves as a roadmap to three objectives: improve Ohio's economic environment, enhance opportunities for all Ohioans, and strengthen families and communities. Halfway through this term, we have approved more than 30 bills that align with these principles.

**Toledo Blade: Republican lawmakers push to make Ohio "right to work"**

The resolutions are sponsored by state Rep. John Becker (R, Cincinnati) and state Rep. Craig Riedel (R, Defiance). ... "It's not so much that I'm opposed to unions," Mr. Riedel said. "I believe strongly that employees ought not to be required to pay fair-share fees if they choose not to join that union. If that individual chooses not to be a part of that union, they're on their own. They would not get any representation whatsoever by that collective-bargaining agreement."

**Your News Now: HB 336 plans to help Ohioans with suspended licenses**

"This would help reduce the number of suspensions the bureau has to keep track of, it would also provide an incentive for a person to get insurance, get their license reinstated, and be able, if you're not able now to find a job because of lack of transportation, to be able to do that," said Rep. Bob Cupp, 4th District Rep for the State of Ohio.

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## HOUSE E-CLIPS

1/24/2018



### **STATE MIGHT SEEK \$19M MORE BACK FROM CLOSED CHARTER E-SCHOOL**

The giant Ohio online charter school that abruptly closed mid-school-year lost another round of its multifaceted battle with the state over funding but said Tuesday that it's still fighting to reopen, even as many of its 12,000 students are looking for new schools.

### **LAWYERS: JURIES, NOT JUDGES, SHOULD IMPOSE DEATH SENTENCES**

Ohio's capital punishment law is unconstitutional because judges, not juries, impose death sentences in contrast to the 6th Amendment right to a jury trial, lawyers for a convicted killer argued before the state Supreme Court on Tuesday.



### **DEMOCRATS TUSSLE OVER ECOT CAMPAIGN MONEY, BUT GOP GOT FAR MORE**

As Ohio's big bet on a big online charter school fizzles, candidates are pointing fingers over the \$2.1 million in campaign money the school's operator has doled out during the past two decades.

### **COLUMBUS LAWMAKER'S PROPOSAL WOULD ALLOW PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE IN OHIO**

Lisa Vigil Schattinger wants terminally ill Ohioans to have the option chosen by her stepfather, who said his piece and then made peace with impending death from bone marrow cancer.

### **GOP LAWMAKERS, CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE, DEFEND ECOT: STATE SAYS SCHOOL PRIORITY PROFIT**

Arguing that Gov. John Kasich and the Ohio Department of Education should have kept ECOT open through the end of the school year, a handful of Republican lawmakers Tuesday defended the school and urged changes to stop a future shutdown in the middle of the school year.

### **RIGHT-TO-WORK WOULD HELP OHIO WORKERS, GOP LAWMAKERS SAY**

A pair of Republican lawmakers said their proposal to put six right-to-work amendments on the 2020 ballot would help Ohio workers.

**LAWMAKERS TAKE BABY STEPS TOWARD REDISTRICTING COMPROMISE**

A whiff of progress on congressional redistricting could be permeating the Statehouse.

**O'NEILL TELLS DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO VET HIM AFTER PAYING OFF TAX LIENS**

Gubernatorial candidate William M. O'Neill is asking the Ohio Democratic Party to vet him after paying \$4,361 in past-due state income taxes.

**ECOT APPEALS SPONSOR'S DECISION THAT SHUT SCHOOL**

Shuttered online giant ECOT is not giving up efforts to keep the school open through the end of the school year.

**EX-TIBERI AIDE TO JOIN DEWINE'S STAFF**

Breann Gonzalez, a longtime aide to Rep. Pat Tiberi, R-Genoa Township, is joining the staff of Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine.

**EDITORIAL: OHIOANS WANT REAL REDISTRICTING REFORM**

Ohio House Republicans' proposed congressional boundary-drawing "reform" is a cynical exercise in damage control.

## **Dayton Daily News**

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**MIAMI TWP. TRUSTEE: STATE WAGE LAW 'DISCRIMINATORY,' WASTING MILLIONS**

A Miami Twp. trustee is asking the state to pay for the costs of what he called an unfunded mandate that is "most discriminatory" and that he said wastes millions of dollars across Ohio.

**DOCTOR-ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL COMING TO OHIO STATEHOUSE**

Nearly three decades after Jack "Dr. Death" Kevorkian pushed doctor-assisted suicide into the national spotlight, state Sen. Charleta Tavares says it's time that Ohio legalize the practice with strict safeguards in place.

**ECOT APPEALS IN FIGHT TO STAY OPEN; EMAILS SHOW STATE FIGHT**

The Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow on Tuesday announced it is appealing the decision of its sponsor, the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West, to close the embattled online school.

**OHIO LOOKING TO CHANGE BAIL SYSTEM, FOCUSING LESS ON MONEY**

The ACLU of Ohio says a plan to shift courts away from using cash-bail systems is a good start but doesn't go far enough to fix the broken system.

**'ON ITS LAST LEGS': WHY ELECTION BOARDS ARE SEEKING NEW VOTING MACHINES**

Voting equipment in many Ohio counties, including Butler County, is becoming obsolete as replacement parts are more difficult to obtain and software continues to age.

## **THE PLAIN DEALER**

### **'RIGHT TO WORK' COULD BE ON THE BALLOT IN OHIO WITH SUPPORT FROM LAWMAKERS**

Supporters of "right to work" legislation are taking a different route to enact changes critics say would unnecessarily weaken unions in Ohio.

### **SHOULD ECOT FOUNDER PAY MONEY BACK FASTER? STATE AUDITOR DAVE YOST SAYS YES WHILE SCHOOL FLOATS NEW PLAN**

ECOT founder William Lager and two companies he owns have paid more than \$5 million back toward the \$80 million enrollment and state aid fight the online charter school is having with the state.

### **OHIO AMONG NORTHERN STATES TO LOSE ANOTHER U.S. HOUSE SEAT AFTER NEXT CENSUS - OUT OF LINE: IMPACT 2017 AND BEYOND**

Ohio is on target to lose another congressional seat after the 2020 census, making it even more important that the state gets it right in deciding how to reform the way its congressional districts are drawn.

## **THE ENQUIRER**

### **IN OHIO, NO ONE WANTS GOV. JOHN KASICH'S ENDORSEMENT - INCLUDING HIS FORMER RUNNING MATE WHO HAS IT**

In the Republican primary for Ohio governor, no one apparently wants Gov. John Kasich's endorsement - including the candidate who has it.

## **THE BLADE**

### **LAWMAKERS ARGUE ECOT CLOSING PREVENTABLE**

The Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West board voted Tuesday night to accept a court-supervised master to oversee the winding down of the defunct Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow.

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## HOUSE E-CLIPS

1/25/2018



### **OHIO PART OF STUDY TO REDUCE CHILD WELFARE WORKERS TURNOVER**

Officials say Ohio is joining a national research project to reduce turnover among caseworkers in the child welfare field.



### **KASICH DISPUTES TAYLOR'S ASSERTION THEY HAVEN'T TALKED IN A YEAR**

The office of Ohio Gov. John Kasich, and her own appointment calendar, dispute Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor's assertion that she has not talked to the governor in more than a year.

### **OHIO LAWMAKERS GOING AFTER PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS**

When Ohioans go to pharmacists for their prescriptions, they generally assume they'll be told the truth about the costs of their medicines.

### **NO REDISTRICTING VOTE WITHOUT CITIZENS COALITION SUPPORT, SENATE PRESIDENT SAYS**

Unless a citizens coalition agrees with a legislative plan to revamp Ohio's congressional redistricting process, Senate President Larry Obhof said the Senate won't vote on the measure.

### **CLINTONVILLE ARCHITECT BECOMES LATEST TO RUN FOR TIBERI'S OLD SEAT**

Yet another Republican has entered the race to replace Rep. Pat Tiberi.

### **CORDRAY WANTS TO BRING FIGHT FOR CONSUMERS TO OHIO**

Richard Cordray just finished a five-year stint running the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, but on Wednesday he said he is starting his fight for consumers in Ohio.

### **STATE LAWMAKERS VOTE TO REGULATE 'E-BIKES'**

Ohio is one of just 20 states that doesn't regulate electric bicycles, but that might be changing with new legislation.

## **Dayton Daily News**

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### **NEW BILL CALLS FOR MORE TRANSPARENCY IN DRUG PRICES**

A consumer protection bill introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives this week aims to increase transparency in prescription drug pricing.

### **RIDING A SKATEBOARD WHILE HOLDING A CAR COULD BECOME ILLEGAL IN OHIO**

Grabbing the bumper or side of a moving car and hitching a ride while on a skateboard is not specifically illegal in Ohio — something some state lawmakers want to change.

### **TOOL WILL ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO FOLLOW THE MONEY IN OHIO POLITICS**

If you want to know what's going on in politics, the old adage is: follow the money.

## **THE PLAIN DEALER**

### **ECOT STUDENTS RUSHING TO OTHER E-SCHOOLS BUT TRICKLING BACK TO DISTRICTS**

Students from the just-closed ECOT online charter school have started to land in school districts and other charters, but the numbers remain low and it's too early to tell how well the process is working.

### **OHIO PAC SUPPORTING OHIO WOMEN CANDIDATES RAISES \$750,000**

The Matriots, a statewide PAC supporting female candidates, started last year when a small group of Columbus-area neighbors, friends and acquaintances stood together at the Women's March on Washington and felt something big.

### **TALK IT OUT: SHOULD OHIO BECOME A 'RIGHT TO WORK' STATE?**

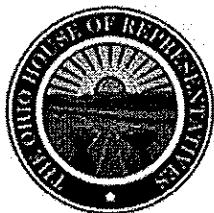
Republican state Reps. John Becker and Craig Riedel have proposed a package of six constitutional amendments targeting how unions operate and are funded in Ohio.

## **THE BLADE**

### **VOTE DELAYED ON GOP REMAP PLAN**

Senate Republicans on Wednesday delayed a vote on changes to the inherently political process by which Ohio redraws congressional districts.

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## OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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# GOP Week in Review

1/22/18 – 1/28/18

### **Farm and Dairy: Ohio Cattlemen's Association honors family farms**

Ohio Rep. Brian Hill received the association's Industry Service Award. Hill, a longtime association member, raises beef cattle on his family farm in Muskingum County, and is currently serving his third term in the Ohio House of Representatives, after serving as a county commissioner for more than six years. ... "It's easy to go to Columbus to fight on your behalf," Hill told the cattlemen Saturday night.

### **Columbus Dispatch: State lawmakers vote to regulate 'e-bikes'**

House Bill 250, introduced by Rep. Tom Brinkman, a Cincinnati-area Republican, would regulate electric bicycles, also called e-bikes, and hold them to many of the same standards as normal bicycles. ... "This new technology in e-bikes will allow more Ohioans to use our wonderful trail network, longer and later in life," Brinkman said.

### **Dayton Daily News: New bill calls for more transparency in drug prices**

"Action is needed to address the rising prescription drug prices to protect Ohio consumers," said state Rep. Scott Lipps, R-Franklin, one of the sponsors of House Bill 479. "Prescription drug pricing in its supply chain is complex and broke and needs to be scrutinized."

### **Alliance Review: State Rep. Christina Hagan shows support for emergency personnel**

"I am honored to discuss legislative matters impacting our community leaders and safety services, and to work toward solutions with the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association," said Hagan. "I'm thankful for the daily sacrifices of all our Ohio firefighters and first responders."

### **WHAM: Mom pushes for change after 3 year old denied heart transplant due to Down syndrome**

Miamisburg Representative Niraj Antani (R-District 42) is a primary sponsor of the bill and said, "They're told that they won't be able to follow the post operation regimen, their body won't be able to handle it, or that its implied that their life is less worthy and that's wrong."

**Sandusky Register: State bill aims to plug orphan wells**

"As the representative of a district that is very concerned with the harmful effects of human activity on the environment ... I was proud to co-sponsor House Bill 225," Arndt said. "This legislation will help homeowners that discover abandoned orphan wells on their properties to properly address them."

**My Town NEO: Hudson boys cross country team recognized by Roegner, LaRose**

"It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to win a state title," Roegner said. "Our Hudson Boys Cross Country Team won the Division I State Championship through steadfast dedication. With an average 3.99 GPA, they are incredible student athletes and have earned the admiration of the state of Ohio."

**Columbus Dispatch: Ohio lawmakers going after pharmacy benefit managers**

Reps. Scott Lipps, R-Franklin, and Thomas West, D-Canton, say pharmacy benefit management companies (PBMs) are issuing "gag orders" to keep pharmacists quiet about what could be cheaper medicines for their clients, and keeping the extra money for themselves — something the lawmakers hope to ban with new legislation, House Bill 479.

**WKSU: Conservative lawmakers renew their push for Ohio to become a right-to-work state**

Reps. John Becker and Craig Riedel say their bill would allow voters to decide whether Ohio should be a right-to-work state for public and private sector employees and would put limits on unions to collect dues and spend money on political ads. Riedel says Ohioans should decide this issue, once and for all.

**Marion Online: Riordan McClain sworn in as State Representative of the 87th Ohio House District**

"Riordan McClain's experience in the private sector and financial management will surely prove to be a valuable asset to our caucus," said Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville). ... "I accept this appointment and will be honored to serve Ohio's 87th House District as state representative. I am appreciative of all the support that I've received through this process and look to carry that forward into a successful term representing our shared values," said McClain.

**Wilmington News Journal: Guest column from Speaker Cliff Rosenberger: Business growth affirms healthy economy**

The eighth consecutive year the state has experienced a record number of filings, new businesses have grown more than 46 percent since 2010. This continued progress is a

sure sign of economic health — when individuals are thriving and feel comfortable, they are able to invest in establishing their own business.

**Portsmouth Daily Times: Rep. Johnson honors 'Burg with state resolution**

Ohio State Representative Terry Johnson (R-McDermott) honored the Wheelersburg Pirates' football program for its state championship run back in the fall.

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## HOUSE E-CLIPS

2/14/2018



### **HOSPITAL PACT MIGHT SAVE TOLEDO ABORTION CLINIC**

A hospital system has authorized a patient-transfer agreement to keep the last abortion clinic in Toledo operating.



### **PILICH TO LEAVE RACE FOR GOVERNOR, BACK CORDRAY**

Only one of the original Democrats running for governor will still be in the race after Wednesday.

### **OHIO WANTS TO REQUIRE THOSE ON MEDICAID TO GET A JOB**

Thousands of Ohioans soon might need to find a job or lose their Medicaid health insurance.

### **KASICH CHOSEN TO ADDRESS GRADUATES OF KENNEDY SCHOOL IN MAY**

Gov. Kasich will address the 2018 graduates of the Harvard Kennedy School in May, the dean of the school said Tuesday.

### **CHIEF JUSTICE ON ECOT CLAIM FOR STATE MONEY: 'HOW IS THAT NOT ABSURD?'**

As ECOT attorney Marion Little finished his arguments for why, under the law, the online school should get full funding for students even if they only log in once a month and do no work, Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor interjected.

### **KASICH POSTPONES FOREIGN TRIP TO ATTEND OFFICERS' FUNERAL IN WESTERVILLE**

Long-time Westerville resident Gov. John Kasich is postponing a foreign trade trip to attend the Friday funeral of two police officers slain in his hometown on Saturday.

### **A FIFTH OF OHIO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS NEED HELP TO EARN A DIPLOMA THIS YEAR**

Less than five months from graduation, one out of five Ohio high school seniors still wouldn't qualify for a diploma under more-stringent state standards — requirements that at least temporarily have been softened to avert just such a crisis.

#### **NEW REPORT FROM PRO-LABOR GROUP PANS RIGHT-TO-WORK PROPOSALS**

In the wake of proposed right-to-work amendments by Republican lawmakers, a newly released report is recommending politicians can support Ohio workers by backing off of regulating unions.

## **Dayton Daily News**

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#### **OHIO CONSIDERS RAISING CHILD MARRIAGE AGE AFTER DDN INVESTIGATION**

An investigation by the Dayton Daily News into child marriage is prompting state lawmakers to introduce a bill that would bump up the legal marriage age to 18 for both males and females and allow 17-year-olds to marry with court approval.

#### **VICIOUS DOGS: OHIO MOVES TO CHANGE LAWS ON DOG OWNERS**

Four years after the gruesome attack that killed Dayton resident Klonda Richey, state lawmakers are taking a double barrel approach to finally putting more teeth in the state's vicious dog laws.

#### **CINCINNATI DEMOCRAT CONNIE PILICH EXPECTED TO LEAVE GOVERNOR'S RACE**

Former state representative Connie Pilich — the last woman leading a Democratic ticket for governor — is expected to drop out of the race and endorse former attorney general Rich Cordray on Wednesday, sources close to the campaign said.

## **THE PLAIN DEALER**

#### **OHIO'S CHARTER SCHOOL QUALITY CRACKDOWN CLAIMS A BIG-CITY VICTIM - THE CINCINNATI SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Ohio's push to improve charter school quality has booted a major city school district - the Cincinnati Public Schools - out of the charter school business.

#### **CONNIE PILICH EXPECTED TO DROP OUT OF THE GOVERNOR'S RACE**

Connie Pilich, the lone remaining Democratic woman running for governor in what was supposed to be the "year of the woman," will drop out of the race Wednesday to endorse Richard Cordray, according to two Democratic sources.

#### **ECOT FUNDING QUESTIONED BY OHIO SUPREME COURT JUSTICES: "HOW IS IT NOT ABSURD?"**

Ohio Supreme Court justices were wary this morning of how the ECOT online charter school wants to be funded as the school and Ohio Department of Education pleaded their cases to the court.

**UNCONSCIONABLE FAILURE BY OHIO JUSTICES O'DONNELL, DEWINE TO RECUSE IN ECOT CASE AFTER TAKING THOUSANDS IN CAMPAIGN DOLLARS: EDITORIAL**

The seven-member Ohio Supreme Court is hearing arguments this morning in a case whose outcome may kill or revive the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow, or ECOT, the online charter school that shut down last month.

## **THE ENQUIRER**

**CONNIE PILICH TO END GUBERNATORIAL BID; ENDORSE CORDRAY. WAS THE LONE FEMALE DEMOCRAT IN THE RACE**

In the so-called "year of the woman," the sole female in the Democratic race for governor will bow out to endorse former Consumer Financial Protection Bureau director Richard Cordray.

**DEMOCRAT KATHY WYENANDT FILES TO RUN IN OHIO 52ND DISTRICT**

Democrat Kathy Wyenandt is challenging Republican George Lang for his Ohio House seat.

## **THE BLADE**

**ECOT ASKS HIGH COURT TO RESTORE ITS FUNDING**

Clinging to hope of reopening its virtual doors, what was once Ohio's largest online school on Tuesday urged the Ohio Supreme Court to halt state efforts to claw back tens of millions in past aid.

**PILICH TO DROP OHIO GOVERNOR BID**

Another Democratic candidate for governor will drop out of the race Wednesday and throw her support to Richard Cordray for the party's nomination.

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## HOUSE E-CLIPS

2/26/2018



### **FUTURE UNCERTAIN AS OHIO HIGHER EDUCATION BOARD SITS IDLE**

The future of Ohio's once-powerful higher education advisory board remains uncertain as lawmakers move to change the way the state oversees education.

### **OHIO MOVES TO ADD WRIGHT FLYER TO STATE SEAL AMID DISPUTE**

Ohio is staking another public claim to the Wright brothers' legacy amid a dispute with Connecticut over an aviator that state says flew first.

### **GOP GOVERNOR TAPS ADVISERS FOR GUN POLICY TALKS**

Ohio Gov. John Kasich says he has convened a diverse group of advisers on gun policy to help him come up with a consensus policy proposal that he can bring forward in the coming days.



### **MEDICAL MARIJUANA MAY ARRIVE LATE IN OHIO**

From litigation to audits to legislation, the attempted fixes are piling up for an Ohio medical marijuana program that has been beset by problems.

### **DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FOR OHIO GOVERNOR HOPE TO WIN BACK TRUMP VOTERS**

Getting Ohio Democrats who voted for President Donald Trump back into the fold was a theme Sunday as Democratic candidates for governor appeared before the public in Marysville.

### **KASICH FAVORS ARMING TEACHERS, AGAINST 'STAND YOUR GROUND'**

Ohio Gov. John Kasich said he is hoping that a group he's quietly convened to find solutions to gun violence in the state will be able to deliver something by the end of next week to the General Assembly.

### **FRUSTRATED ACTIVIST BASHES KASICH, EYES RECREATIONAL WEED**

An architect of Ohio's medical marijuana law Friday accused Gov. John Kasich of intentionally torpedoing the state's program, which is supposed to start in September.

### **UNION MONEY NOW FUELS GOP LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGNS IN OHIO**

Ohio has increasingly become an island among states that have passed a right-to-work law — an initiative strongly opposed by labor unions.

### **NEARLY NEW LINEUP AT DEMOCRATS' NEXT OHIO GOVERNOR DEBATE IN TOLEDO**

When four Democratic candidates for Ohio governor gathered for a debate in Columbus in October, they spent their time discussing Ohio's opioid crisis, the scandal surrounding online charter school ECOT, and the financial cost to local communities of state tax breaks for businesses.

### **KASICH ASSAILED BY DEMOCRATS FOR LACKING AGENDA**

Launching a spirited attack against the Democratic Party, Ohio Gov. John Kasich charged he has "no clue" what Democrats stand for and complained they have "no agenda."

### **CAPITOL INSIDER: KASICH CHANGES HIS TUNE ON 'ASSAULT WEAPONS' VOTE**

Ohio Gov. John Kasich's evolution on gun issues apparently continues.

### **EDITORIAL: DOING NOTHING IS NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE**

Gun-rights advocates in the Ohio House of Representatives had every reason to expect House Bill 228 to pass easily, further dismantling the state's already-flimsy regulation of deadly weapons.

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### **ANTHEM BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD ER POLICY CRITICIZED BY OHIO LAWMAKERS**

Several Democratic state lawmakers want to penalize Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield for a new policy that does not cover some emergency room visits deemed by the insurer not to be emergencies.

## **THE PLAIN DEALER**

### **KASICH, OTHER GOVERNORS RESTATE NATIONAL NEED TO DEAL WITH HEALTH CARE COSTS AND QUALITY**

Ohio Gov. John Kasich and his counterparts from Colorado and Alaska came to the nation's capital Friday to remind policy makers, businesses and the public: There's still much work to do on health care.

### **'YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU GET PUNCHED, AT LEAST IT ONLY HURTS FOR A MINUTE' OHIO MATTERS: EPISODE 6 - JOE SCHIAVONI**

State Sen. Joe Schiavoni acknowledges the Democratic gubernatorial primary has been a tough fight so far.

**REPUBLICAN OHIO GOVERNOR CANDIDATES SUPPORT ARMING TEACHERS TO HELP PREVENT SCHOOL SHOOTINGS**

Both Republican candidates for Ohio governor say they support arming teachers as part of an approach to prevent further school shootings.

**STATE EMPLOYEES WITH CLAIMS PROCESSED BY ANTHEM NOT AFFECTED BY NEW ER RULE**

State employees are not affected by a new Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield rule that leaves some policyholders with emergency-room bills when the company determines they didn't need emergency care.

**OHIO RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA BALLOT MEASURE MIGHT NOT HAPPEN IN 2018, BACKER SAYS**

Ohioans hoping to vote to legalize recreational marijuana this year will likely have to wait a little longer, perhaps as long as two years.

**FACT CHECK: OHIO DEMOCRATS TAKE FRANK LAROSE'S REMARKS OUT OF CONTEXT**

The Ohio Democratic Party on Friday circulated a 13-second audio recording of Republican Frank LaRose, a candidate for secretary of state, claiming that he was bragging about a Republican plan to gerrymander states across the country, including Ohio in 2011.

**MARY TAYLOR'S CHIEF OF STAFF HAS NEW JOB WITH OHIO'S MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM**

A longtime Kasich administration staffer has a new job advising Ohio's nascent medical marijuana program, but few details were available Friday about what he will do in the new role.

**ROLL OF SHAME OF OHIO LAWMAKERS WHO OVERRODE GOP Gov. TAFT'S 2006 VETO, ENDING CITIES' BANS ON MASSACRE-CAPABLE WEAPONS: THOMAS SUDDES**

Some Ohioans sincerely believe the Second Amendment trumps any attempt to regulate massacre-capable guns.

**FIRSTENERGY CAN'T BE ALLOWED TO POCKET CORPORATE-TAX-CUT WINDFALL AND SHORT CUSTOMERS: EDITORIAL**

The last time U.S. corporate tax rates were slashed, during the Reagan administration, some state utility regulators were slow off the mark in making sure investor-owned utilities didn't just pocket the profits without adjusting consumer bills, The New York Times reports.

**THE ENQUIRER**

## **THE NRA HAS A LOVE-HATE RELATIONSHIP WITH THESE OHIO REPUBLICANS – AND DEMOCRATS.**

The National Rifle Association has long supported Republicans around the country, and vice versa.

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### **LITIGATION PROCEEDS OVER MEDICAL MARIJUANA LICENSING**

A lawsuit that could endanger the timeline for Ohio's rollout of its fledgling medical marijuana program will forge ahead despite proposed legislation to give the state a chance to correct licensing flaws.

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## HOUSE E-CLIPS

3/2/2018



### **BILL WOULD REQUIRE DRIVERS TO MOVE OVER FOR GARBAGE TRUCKS**

The Ohio House will consider legislation giving garbage trucks “move-over” protections in place for emergency vehicles.

### **NEXT PHASE OPENS IN OHIO'S \$8M OPIOID TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE**

Ohio launched the second stage of its global technology challenge Wednesday aimed at finding solutions to the U.S. opioid crisis.

### **MORE THAN 131,000 ISSUED CONCEALED CARRY LICENSES IN OHIO**

Ohio's attorney general says more than 131,000 residents were issued licenses last year to carry concealed weapons.

### **OHIO BILL WOULD ALLOW PROTECTIVE ORDERS FOR DATING VIOLENCE**

A bipartisan bill allowing victims of dating violence to seek protective orders against alleged perpetrators is on its way to Ohio Republican Gov. John Kasich.

### **KASICH PROPOSES 'RED FLAG' LAW, OTHER GUN CHANGES IN STATE**

Gov. John Kasich on Thursday advocated a “red flag” law for Ohio, a ban on armor-piercing ammunition and other gun policy positions he says represent political consensus in a bellwether state that could fly nationally.

### **2 DEMOCRATS FOR OHIO OFFICES WANT OPEN REDISTRICTING PROCESS**

Two Democrats seeking statewide office in Ohio are pitching a plan they say would guarantee Ohio's redistricting process for congressional districts is more transparent to the public.

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### **FOR SCHIAVONI RUNNING MATE, DRUG CRISIS IS ALL IN THE FAMILY**

Ohio's opioid epidemic is so extensive that it's struck the families of at least two of those seeking statewide office.

### **KASICH UNVEILS 'UNANIMOUS' PROPOSALS TO CURB GUN VIOLENCE**

Saying he has to deal with the art of what's possible — what can pass the Republican-dominated General Assembly, Gov. John Kasich proposed six gun-law reforms on Thursday that he believes he can help Ohio avert some gun deaths.

#### **CRITICS SLAM MEDICAID WORK PROPOSAL**

Advocates, health-care providers and others slammed a state plan on Thursday that would require most non-disabled adults on Medicaid to work or lose their tax-funded health care.

#### **LAWMAKERS OFFER COUNTIES \$114.5 MILLION FOR VOTING MACHINES**

Counties would get nearly \$115 million in state money to replace aging voting machines in time for the 2019 election under a bill expected to pass the legislature this spring.

#### **REP. BOGGS NEEDS HELP TO QUALIFY FOR PRIMARY BALLOT**

State Rep. Kristin Boggs, D-Columbus, will need help from Republican Secretary of State Jon Husted in order to qualify to run as a write-in candidate for the May primary.

#### **MAYOR GINTHER ENDORSES CORDRAY FOR GOVERNOR**

Columbus Mayor Andrew Ginther on Thursday endorsed Richard Cordray, former Ohio attorney general and former director of the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, in the Democratic primary for governor.

#### **EDITORIAL: WORKPLACE DRUG USE DEMANDS ATTENTION**

Drugs and workplaces don't mix. That's common sense, but now employers have more reasons to take a hard line against employee drug use.

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#### **MORE THAN 131,000 OHIOANS GET PERMITS TO CARRY CONCEALED GUNS**

More than 131,000 Ohioans got their licenses last year to carry concealed weapons — 77,281 new ones and 54,064 renewals, according to Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine.

## **THE PLAIN DEALER**

#### **\$114.5 MILLION PROPOSED FOR NEW OHIO VOTING MACHINES**

Ohio counties could soon get some money from the state to help replace aging voting equipment.

#### **PLANNED PARENTHOOD TO FOCUS ON OHIO RACES FOR U.S. SENATE AND GOVERNOR**

Planned Parenthood political organizations announced Thursday that they'll spend at least \$20 million in this year's elections, with a particular focus on gubernatorial and Senate races in Ohio and seven other states.

#### **OHIO GOV. JOHN KASICH PROPOSES 6 GUN POLICY CHANGES**

Tightening background checks for gun buyers and allowing "red flag" protection orders were among six gun violence policy recommendations made Thursday by a bipartisan panel assembled by Gov. John Kasich.

### **JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HASN'T DECIDED WHETHER TO PARTICIPATE IN OPIOID LITIGATION**

As U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions promised, the Justice Department on Thursday evening filed a "statement of interest" in the swath of lawsuits being heard in Cleveland that accuse drug manufacturers and distributors of heavily contributing to the nation's opioid epidemic.

## **THE ENQUIRER**

### **JOHN KASICH'S 'COMMONSENSE' GUN CONTROL PLAN: WOULD NEW OHIO GUN LAWS MAKE A DIFFERENCE?**

John Kasich wants to change Ohio's gun laws, touting support for "commonsense" measures from a handful of Republicans and Democrats.

## **THE BLADE**

### **KASICH PROPOSES GUN REFORM MEASURES**

Gov. John Kasich on Thursday unveiled a package of proposed gun law reforms to prohibit the sale of armor-piercing ammunition and third-party "strawman" sales of guns to people prohibited from having them.

### **PROPOSAL WOULD FUND NEW VOTING MACHINES**

Ohio would borrow \$114.5 million to help counties replace an aging fleet of voting machines in time by next year under a bill reworked Thursday.

### **EDITORIAL: RIGHT-TO-WORK INFINGES ON EMPLOYERS**

Is it too much to ask for some consistency from time to time?

### **EDITORIAL: DENNIS KUCINICH LEADING ON GUN ISSUE**

Successful political campaigns sometimes catch a breeze they never counted on because of some unexpected occurrence that changes public attitudes between the time the candidates file and the time the voters vote.

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### **SCHIAVONI GETS THE MAHONING DEMOCRATIC ENDORSEMENT FOR GOVERNOR**

When it came to endorsing a candidate for governor, the Mahoning County Democratic Party overwhelmingly went for one of its own.

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## HOUSE E-CLIPS

5/15/2018



### **GOP Gov. KASICH TO SHARE OHIO PLAN TO HELP LEGAL IMMIGRANTS**

Ohio Gov. John Kasich is announcing an initiative aimed at helping legal immigrants successfully integrate in the state.

### **OHIO HOUSE GOP TO PICK NEW SPEAKER; LAST LEADER RESIGNED**

Republicans in the Ohio House are slated to vote on a new House speaker after the previous leader resigned amid an FBI inquiry surrounding his activities.



### **KASICH, DEWINE OPPOSE SPORTS BETTING; CORDRAY WOULD CONSIDER IT**

Can you imagine betting a few bucks — legally — on the Ohio State University football Buckeyes to cover the spread against That Team up North?

### **HUNDREDS GATHER AT STATEHOUSE TO MARK REBIRTH OF POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN**

Almost 50 years to the day after the original Poor People's Campaign marched on Washington, the current iteration of the movement descended on the Statehouse steps to call on the General Assembly to address the plight of the millions of people living in poverty.

### **HOUSE GOP DRAGGED INTO CONTENTIOUS TUESDAY SPEAKER VOTE**

The House speaker is one of the most powerful people in state government, and Ohio lawmakers are about to pick a new one in a rare mid-term replacement.

### **MANY STATE EMPLOYEES RECEIVE 8.7% RAISE OVER 3 YEARS**

Members of the state's largest employee union will receive a raise of more than 8 percent over three years in a contract ratified by the Ohio Civil Service Employees Association.

### **DISPUTE OVER PROTECTION OF EVIDENCE IN ECOT CASE RESOLVED**

The Ohio auditor's office has finished collecting data for a criminal investigation of failed online charter school ECOT and placed the records in an evidence locker, where they can be

opened and reviewed only by a judge's order under an agreement reached Monday in Franklin County Common Pleas Court.

## THE PLAIN DEALER

### SPORTS WAGERING COULD BE HEADING TO OHIO AFTER SUPREME COURT RULING

Placing sports bets at Ohio casinos made giant leap toward becoming legal with a decision from the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday.

### MIKE DEWINE RAISED \$1 MILLION IN 72 HOURS FOLLOWING HIS GOP PRIMARY WIN, HIS CAMPAIGN SAYS

Mike DeWine's campaign for governor raised \$1 million in the 72-hour period after he won the Republican nomination last week, his campaign said Monday.

### FORUM LOOKS TO FIND ANSWERS ON HOW TO GET MORE WOMEN INVOLVED IN POLITICS

Three politically astute women will share their insights into the disparity between men and women in politics at a Wednesday forum in Cleveland Heights.

### OHIO MEDICAL MARIJUANA COMPANIES AWAITS JUDGE'S DECISION ON WHETHER TO PAUSE GROW LICENSES

The decision of whether to halt a portion of Ohio's nascent medical marijuana program - which the state argues will delay cannabis from getting to sick patients - is now in Franklin County Common Pleas Judge Richard Frye's hands.

## THE ENQUIRER

### WILL OHIO LEGALIZE SPORTS GAMBLING AFTER U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISION?

Want to bet on the Cincinnati Bearcats, Ohio State University Buckeyes or Cincinnati Bengals?

### FBI INVESTIGATION: WHO WILL WIN THE GOP BATTLE TO LEAD THE OHIO HOUSE?

Right to work. Abortion restrictions. Gun laws. Money for schools. Medicaid expansion. A key person controlling decisions on these controversial, complex topics: the Ohio House speaker.

## THE BLADE

### SUPREME COURT LETS STATES, INCLUDING OHIO, LEGALIZE SPORTS GAMBLING

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday opened the door for states like Ohio to enter the sports-betting arena, but it remains to be seen whether the Buckeye State is ready to walk through it.

**SCHOOL THAT TOOK ECOT STUDENTS WANTS POOR SCORES IGNORED**

Maumee-based Ohio Virtual Academy and its sponsor are asking lawmakers to provide a "safe harbor" from potentially poor academic performance by students who transferred from the now-shuttered Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow.

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## HOUSE E-CLIPS

5/31/2018



### **GROUP SAYS OHIO NEEDS OFFICE TO LOBBY FOR MILITARY JOBS**

Ohio needs an agency that would help put the state at the forefront of military development and lobby for its current bases, a statewide committee recommended.



### **DEMOCRATIC GROUP ASSAILED BALDERSOON ECOT CAMPAIGN CASH**

An independent organization backing Democrats launched a digital TV commercial against U.S. House Republican candidate Troy Balderson for not giving up \$10,000 in campaign contributions to the founder of defunct online school ECOT.

### **SPEAKER FEUD CONTINUES AS SMITH BACKERS CALL FOR IMMEDIATE VOTE**

Stressing that they are not the ones keeping the House from conducting business, Rep. Ryan Smith and about 25 of his supporters gathered Wednesday to urge a speaker's vote be called as soon as Thursday.

### **EDITORIAL: ONLY ONE REAL CHOICE IN OHIO HOUSE SPEAKER MESS**

The unprecedented breakdown of leadership in the Ohio House of Representatives is about one thing — serving one member's ambition to be speaker come January — and it's time for it to stop.



### **BILL WOULD PUSH OHIO SCHOOLS TO OPEN AFTER LABOR DAY**

A bill calling for Ohio schools to begin the academic year after Labor Day had its second hearing before the Ohio House Education Committee last week.

## **THE PLAIN DEALER**

### **MIKE DEWINE SAYS RIGHT-TO-WORK IS NOT ON HIS AGENDA. SO DID GOP GOVERNORS WHO LATER SUPPORTED IT.**

Attorney General Mike DeWine, the Republican nominee for governor, side-stepped questions on Wednesday about whether he would support so-called right-to-work legislation.

### **STATE REP. SCOTT LIPPS WEARS HIS LAST NAME WITH A SMILE**

In the halls of the Ohio Statehouse, it's usually not hard to guess which lawmaker is state Rep. Scott Lipps.

### **PAUL RYAN TO ATTEND TROY BALDERSOON FUNDRAISER IN SUBURBAN COLUMBUS**

U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan is set to be in suburban Columbus on Wednesday afternoon for a fundraiser on behalf of 12th Congressional District Republican nominee Troy Balderson, according to Balderson's campaign.

## **THE BLADE**

### **REAGAN TOKES RALLY TO PROMOTE SELF-DEFENSE, LEGISLATIVE REFORMS**

In a public park less than five miles from where Reagan Tokes was killed 16 months ago, a rally will be held next week to retell her story and promote self-defense and legislative reforms to prevent that story from being repeated.

### **OHIO HOUSE SPEAKER CANDIDATE DEMANDS IMMEDIATE VOTE**

The leading candidate to be Ohio's next House speaker insisted Wednesday on an immediate vote of the chamber rather than a change in rules to allow the current second-in-command to perform the duties of the job but without the title.

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## HOUSE E-CLIPS

6/28/2018



### **OHIO LAWMAKERS LOOK TO PROVIDE ONLINE ACADEMY 'SAFE HARBOR'**

Ohio's Republican-led Legislature is preparing to temporarily relax academic performance standards on a virtual school that took in thousands of students from a now-shuttered competitor.

### **FIRM HIRED TO INVESTIGATE LAWMAKER ALSO DONATED TO HIM**

A law firm that cleared one of Ohio's most powerful state lawmakers of a sexual harassment allegation in April contributed to the politician's campaign while the probe was going on, state campaign finance filings show.



### **DRUG MIDDLEMEN CHARGING OHIOANS TRIPLE THE GOING RATE — OR MORE**

Pharmacy middlemen are charging Ohio taxpayers three to six times as much to process prescription drugs for the poor and disabled as the industry standard.

### **OHIO LEGISLATURE SENDS PACKAGE OF E-SCHOOL BILLS TO KASICH**

With ECOT closed and other Ohio e-schools still struggling to verify the enrollment numbers used to pay them, state legislators sent a package of proposals to Gov. John Kasich aimed at clarifying the basis for paying the schools.

### **PASTOR PROTECTION ACT PASSES OVER DISCRIMINATION CONCERNS**

A Pastor Protection Act that supporters say upholds religious freedom but critics call unnecessary and discriminatory against gay couples was approved by the Ohio House on Wednesday.

### **LAW FIRM THAT CLEARED LEGISLATOR ALSO GAVE HIM CASH**

The Ohio House of Representatives regularly has turned to the law firm of Taft, Stettinius & Hollister when in need of an outside investigator.

### **SEXTING BILL LOOKS TO GIVE TEENS A BREAK FOR BAD CHOICE**

Not wanting to hammer all teens with harsh penalties when they are caught sending nude photographs, the Ohio House voted unanimously on Wednesday to support a lesser penalty for young first-time offenders.

## **Dayton Daily News**

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### **OHIO HOUSE VOTES TO REQUIRE DRIVERS TO MOVE OVER FOR TRASH TRUCKS**

A measure to require drivers to "move over" when passing trash trucks with flashing lights was approved by the Ohio House on Wednesday on a 84-0 vote.

### **OHIO LAWMAKERS VOTE TO RAISE MARRIAGE AGE AFTER DAYTON DAILY NEWS INVESTIGATION**

Following a Dayton Daily News investigation into thousands of minors getting married in Ohio, lawmakers on Wednesday voted to raise the marriage age to 18 and allow 17-year-olds to marry under some conditions.

### **OHIO TEACHERS MAY FACE MORE TRAINING ON YOUTH SUICIDE RISKS**

Teachers and other public school workers would be required to be trained on the signs that a youth may be at risk of suicide, under a bill that passed the Ohio House on Wednesday by a 82-0 vote.

## **THE PLAIN DEALER**

### **OHIO SENATE DEMOCRATS PUSH FOR PAYDAY LENDING VOTE; REPUBLICANS SCRAMBLE TO SHUT IT DOWN**

Democrats on a committee vetting a proposal to restrict payday loans tried to advance the measure to the full Senate on Wednesday, but the Republican majority successfully defeated the effort.

### **OHIO LAWMAKERS OK \$114.5 MILLION FOR NEW VOTING MACHINES**

Help is on the way to replace Ohio's aging voting machines.

### **SCHOOLS THAT TOOK IN ECOT KIDS WIN 'SAFE HARBOR' FROM PENALTIES FOR BAD GRADES**

ECOT students were so far behind other students that schools taking them in deserve a "safe harbor" from damage to their grades, the Ohio legislature decided Wednesday.

### **OHIO LEGISLATURE PASSES BLOCKCHAIN LEGISLATION**

Ohio is close to becoming the latest state to offer legal support for blockchain-based business transactions, following a Wednesday vote by the state's General Assembly.

### **OHIO LAWMAKERS PASS WAVE OF BILLS HEADING INTO SUMMER BREAK: CAPITOL LETTER**

Wrapping up: On their final session day before the Ohio General Assembly heads into summer break, both chambers passed dozens of bills during marathon sessions that lasted well into Wednesday evening.

### **SARAH LATOURETTE A RISING STAR IN OHIO HOUSE: BRENT LARKIN**

Sarah LaTourette was afraid to tell her father.

## **THE ENQUIRER**

### **GRAB A BEER WITH MAN'S BEST FRIEND: OHIO EXPECTED TO ALLOW DOGS ON PATIOS**

In the middle of the dog days of summer or after a "ruff" time at work, you'll soon be able to sip a Bud – or maybe some hair of the dog – with man's best friend, thanks to a bill passed by Ohio lawmakers to allow dogs on outdoor patios.

### **THIS U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISION MIGHT HAVE FORCED OHIO INTO 'RIGHT-TO-WORK'**

Remember that bitter fight against Ohio's Senate Bill 5? A U.S. Supreme Court decision just upheld part of it.

### **PAYDAY LENDING: NO VOTE ON CONTROVERSIAL BILL FOR NOW**

Ohio lawmakers won't place any more restrictions on the payday lending industry for now – slowing down a bill that sped through one chamber following an FBI probe into its leader's travel with lobbyists.

## **THE BLADE**

### **STATE LAWMAKERS APPROVE LAKE ERIE FUNDING BILL**

As the annual peak season for toxic algal blooms on Lake Erie approaches, lawmakers on Wednesday finalized a bipartisan measure putting \$36 million more in state funds behind efforts to tackle the issue even as critics argue that just throwing more money at the problem isn't the answer.

### **LAST MINUTE BILLS MOVE IN OHIO HOUSE, SENATE**

In their rush for the door for the summer, the Ohio House and Senate on Wednesday voted on more than 50 bills, with some headed for the governor's signature.

### **BILL PROTECTING E-SCHOOL HEADS TO GOVERNOR**

A bill shielding what is now Ohio's largest online school and its sponsor from the negative consequences of accepting thousands of former Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow students is headed to Gov. John Kasich for his signature.

### **EDITORIAL: PAYDAY LENDING FIASCO**

Clamping down on predatory lenders, who charge Ohioans the highest interest rates in the nation, should not require a constitutional amendment, but apparently it's going to.

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## HOUSE E-CLIPS

7/6/2018



### **OHIO UNSURE OF STATUS OF 2,300 STUDENTS FROM CLOSED E-SCHOOL**

Many of the students enrolled in Ohio's largest online charter school when it closed in January have transferred to other schools, but state officials don't know what happened with about 2,300 students.

### **OHIO NATIVE ANDREW WHEELER, FORMER COAL LOBBYIST, IS NEW EPA LEADER**

The new leader of the Environmental Protection Agency is a former coal industry lobbyist who helped lead an industry fight against regulations that protect Americans' health and address climate change.



### **DEWINE SAYS HANDS TIED ON PURSUING ECOT -- UNTIL TRIAL-COURT RULING**

Responding to critics questioning why it did not take action against ECOT founder Bill Lager years ago, the office of Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine says its hands were legally tied until a lower court ruling in March.

### **OHIO LIBERTARIANS SUBMIT PETITION FORMS TO REGAIN MINOR-PARTY STATUS**

The Libertarian Party of Ohio expects its comeback to succeed, allowing the party to field candidates for governor, U.S. Senate and other offices this fall.

### **DEMOCRAT DANNY O'CONNOR LAUNCHES AD LINKING HIMSELF TO ... JOHN KASICH?**

In a bid to win the support of independents and moderate Republicans, Democratic congressional candidate Danny O'Connor has launched a 30-second TV commercial

featuring an endorsement from a Delaware woman who voted for Ohio Gov. John Kasich and President Donald Trump.

#### **EDITORIAL: STATEHOUSE SECURITY SHOULD BE APPLIED EVENLY TO ALL**

It is disappointing that Statehouse security officials and a two-term state representative haven't been able to resolve the lawmaker's allegation that she has been inappropriately hassled multiple times while trying to enter the building.

## **THE PLAIN DEALER**

#### **RIGHT-TO-WORK GROUP DEMANDS OHIO STOP COLLECTING UNION DUES FROM SOME STATE WORKERS**

A "right-to-work" advocacy group has threatened to launch a class-action suit against Ohio and 19 other states if they don't immediately stop deducting union dues from non-union public employees' paychecks following a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

#### **OHIO DRUG TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION AMENDMENT COULD BE ON NOVEMBER BALLOT**

Supporters of a proposal to reduce penalties for nonviolent drug crime offenders submitted hundreds of thousands of signatures on Wednesday to put the measure on the November ballot.

#### **WHAT MEDICAL CONDITIONS CAN BE TREATED WITH MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN OHIO?**

The success of a state's medical marijuana program can hinge on what medical conditions qualify a patient for treatment with cannabis.

#### **OHIO LIBERTARIANS SEEK A RETURN TO THE BALLOT THIS YEAR**

After almost four years in the political wilderness, the Libertarian Party of Ohio is seeking to regain state recognition for the 2018 midterm election.

#### **'RIGHT-TO-WORK' GROUP THREATENS TO SUE OHIO AFTER SUPREME COURT RULING: CAPITOL LETTER**

Just due it: A "right-to-work" advocacy group has threatened Ohio with a lawsuit if it doesn't immediately stop collecting union dues from non-union state workers.

## **THE ENQUIRER**

#### **DIALYSIS TO DUELS: WHY OHIO KEEPS VOTING ON ODD, COMPLICATED BALLOT ISSUES**

Are you well-versed in kidney dialysis pricing? Do you understand how Medicaid pays for prescription drugs?

## **THE BLADE**

*The Ohio's Great Newspaper*

### **RICHARD CORDRAY'S NAZI ANALOGY WAS AN OVERREACH**

Republicans have pounced on Ohio Democratic governor candidate Richard Cordray for referencing Nazis in two recent rallies.

### **LOCAL DOG BREEDERS, RETAILERS REACT TO NEW ANTI-PUPPY-MILL LAW**

Richard Stroshine, co-owner of Stroshine's Studs and Buds in Northwood, is too familiar with the horrors of puppy mills.

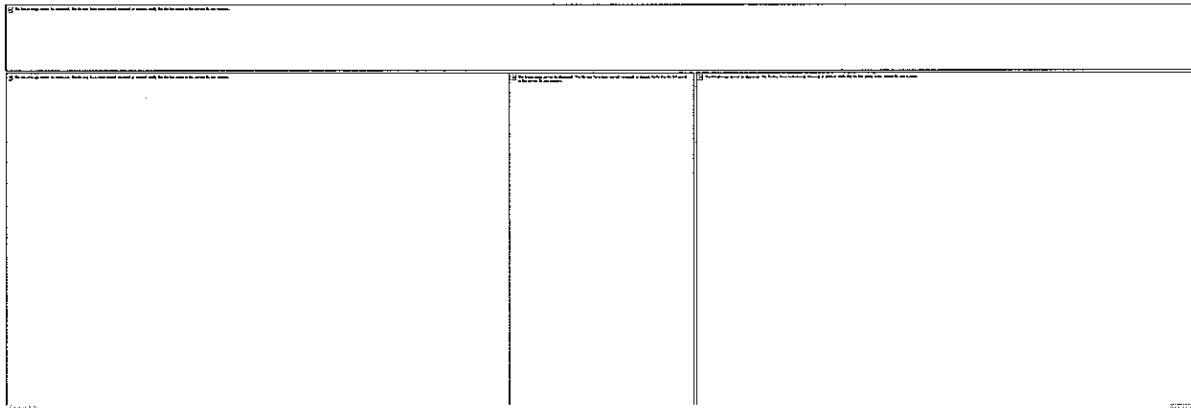
### **EDITORIAL: SLAVERY IN OHIO**

Former U.S. Attorney Steve Dettelbach is running for Attorney General of Ohio, in part, on the promise that he will focus on human trafficking.

### **EDITORIAL: REGISTER TO VOTE NOW**

If you haven't voted in a while, check to make sure you are registered.

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## Right-to-Work Momentum Continues

Earlier in March, West Virginia became the 26th state to enact right-to-work (RTW) legislation. RTW laws allow private sector employees to opt out of union membership. RTW laws have been around since the late 1940s, but interest in RTW legislation has been particularly high over the past four years in many union-dominated states, such as Michigan, Wisconsin, and West Virginia - all of which recently adopted right-to-work laws.

RTW opponents say right-to-work laws lower private sector wages, but research shows this claim isn't true. James Sherk, a research fellow of labor economics at The Heritage Foundation wrote [in a 2015 Backgrounder](#), "[W]hen living costs are fully taken into account, private-sector workers in RTW states enjoy real wages equivalent to those in non-RTW states. Policymakers considering RTW legislation may do so confident that it will have no negative impact on private-sector wages. RTW laws do appear to slightly reduce the pay of government employees, easing constraints on hard-pressed state budgets."

On March 8, Jesse Hathaway, managing editor of *Budget & Tax News*, [testified before the Maryland House Economic Matters Committee](#), where he explained the positive effects RTW laws have on economic growth: "Right-to-work laws create new jobs and foster economic and population growth. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, between 2002 and 2012, the economies of right-to-work states grew by 62 percent, which far outpaces the 46.5 percent growth in non-right-to-work states. Maryland should strongly consider implementing right-to-work legislation and reaping the economic benefits it will provide."

[In a recent \*Heartlander\* article](#), Jim Shaffer, president of the Public Policy Foundation of West Virginia, was quoted in support of RTW laws, which he says provide workers with economic freedoms that have many benefits: "Economic freedom [is] the ability to participate [in and the ability to negotiate with] the exchange of goods and services between consenting transparent individuals, unencumbered by the auspices of government ... this is the very essence of a free market. By being forced to join a union as a condition of employment, individuals give up their right to free association [and are] forced to acquiesce to the agenda of a group that does not respect the right to voluntarily organize as a personal choice."

Right-to-work laws provide liberty to workers, create new jobs, and foster economic and population growth. As additional state legislators and officials learn about the important

advantages RTW laws provide states that choose to enact them, more states will implement right-to-work reform, providing additional freedoms and prosperity to millions of Americans.

## Budget & Tax

### Research & Commentary: Maryland Corporate Income Tax Reform

Research shows high corporate income taxes are a deterrent to economic development, discouraging new businesses and high-income earners from moving into a market and incentivizing current businesses to leave. To address these problems, legislators in Maryland are now considering a significant cut in the state's corporate income tax, along with changes that would streamline the tax.

In this *Research & Commentary*, Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans argues, "The proposed corporate income tax cuts would be a step in the right direction, but lawmakers should go even further. Lowering income taxes dramatically improves a state's economy and generates new jobs." [Read more](#)

## Constitutional Reform

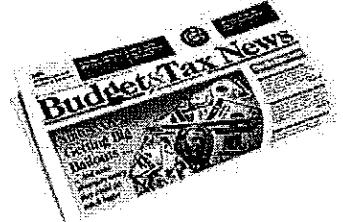
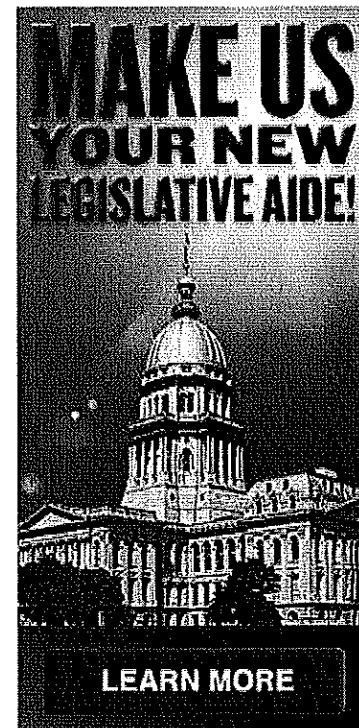
### Heartland Daily Podcast - Kyle Maichle: Free Speech on College Campuses

In this edition of The *Heartland Daily Podcast*, Kyle Maichle, project manager for constitutional reform, joins HDP host Donald Kendal to discuss free-speech issues on college campuses. From free-speech codes to "safe spaces," the rights of students and staff members at college campuses around the country are being hotly debated and have gained national media attention. In this interview, Maichle gives listeners some background information on the growing threats to free speech on college campuses and discusses a new report from the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, which ranks colleges based on their free-speech restrictions. [Listen here](#)

## Education

### Research & Commentary: Alabama Education Savings Accounts

On March 9, the Alabama House Education Policy Committee passed a bill that would establish an education savings account (ESA) program for children with special needs, children of active-duty Armed Forces members, children of those killed in combat, and foster children who have been adopted or have legal guardians. Under the proposed legislation, parents of these students would be able to use designated funds to attend a private school or to help pay for other education options that better suit their children's needs. The proposal would limit



The March issue of *Budget & Tax News* reports Texas Gov. Greg Abbott's support for

new participants in the program to 1,000 each year. Just over 82,000 Alabama special-needs students qualified for an ESA in 2014, according to the Alabama Department of Education (ADE). Under the new proposal, each student would receive 90 percent of allocated per-student public funds; the student's local school district would receive the other 10 percent.

In this *Research & Commentary*, Policy Analyst Tim Benson explains to readers although the plan is a step in the right direction, much more should be done: "While providing ESAs for students with special needs would be a great step forward for Alabama, the passage of a universal ESA bill would be ideal and go a long way toward remedying the state's dismal record of failing to educate its children." [Read more](#)

convening a convention of the states to consider and draft a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced national budget.

#### Environment & Climate News

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#### **Energy & Environment**

##### Research & Commentary: A Summary of the Impacts of Industrial Silica Sand (Frac Sand) Mining

Isaac Orr, research fellow at The Heartland Institute, and Mark Krumenacher, senior principal and senior vice president of GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc., have written a series of four *Policy Studies* investigating the economic, environmental, social, and roadway impacts of industrial silica sand mining, also known as "frac sand" mining. These studies are intended to help local policymakers and the general public better understand the potential impacts, both positive and negative, of industrial sand operations on their communities. This mining, the authors conclude, "is an indispensable part of life. It is not a threat to tourism, scenic beauty, or property values." While citizens will have their concerns about the silica sand mining process, "The way to address emotional reactions is to acknowledge them, understand them, and respond to them with scientific evidence and real-world data. ... The [silica-sand mining] process has become a significant driver of economic growth in the Upper Midwest and, if done in a [safe and] environmentally responsible manner, it will be an important source employment and earnings for decades to come." [Read more](#)

#### **Health Care**

##### Research & Commentary: Health Care Price Transparency

Access to transparent health care prices remains elusive for most U.S. health care consumers, who are often insulated from price considerations by the standard third-party payment systems commonly used for medical billing. This leaves patients unaware of the cost of the treatments they receive. Patients are not given an incentive to shop around; they pay the same copay regardless of the services they choose and are not penalized for ineffective choices. Extra costs are passed on to the insurer, and premium prices increase as a result.

Several states are now considering health care price transparency legislation that would give patients greater access to price information. In this *Research & Commentary*, Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans examines price transparency laws and concludes they help to promote competition and helps to enhance product quality: "State legislators should work to promote health care price transparency in their states to help empower consumers and lower health care costs." [Read more](#)

#### From Our Free-Market Friends

##### [The Heritage Foundation Releases the 2016 Index of Economic Freedom](#)

For over two decades, the *Index of Economic Freedom* (IEF) has measured the impact of liberty and free markets around the globe, and the 2016 IEF confirms the formidable positive relationship between economic freedom and progress. IEF covers 10 freedoms - from property rights to entrepreneurship - in 186 countries. Economic freedom is measured using 10 quantitative and qualitative factors, grouped into four broad categories, including, rule of law (property rights, freedom from corruption); limited government (fiscal freedom, government spending); regulatory efficiency (business freedom, labor freedom, monetary freedom); and open markets (trade freedom, investment freedom, financial freedom). [Read more](#)

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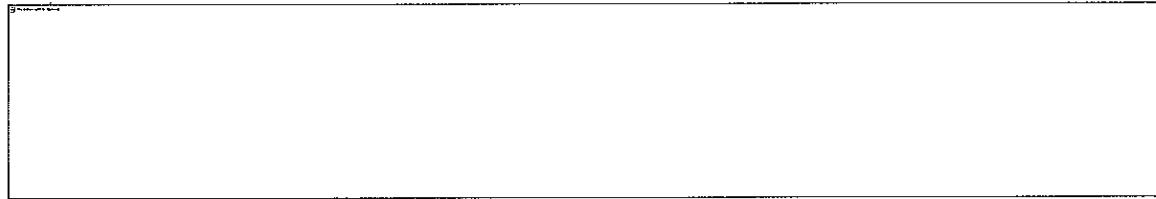
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## Popularity of Short-Term Renting is Exploding

In 2008 In a recent Mackinac Center for Public Policy [blog post](#), Policy Analyst Jarrett Skorup says the popularity of short-term rental services is “exploding”: “Short-term renting is exploding in popularity. People sign up through companies or websites – like Airbnb or HomeAway – to rent out an extra room or a house for a short period. If you live in a city that is going to host the Super Bowl and have extra space, renting out a room for two nights gets you extra money and saves the renter from higher-priced or less convenient lodging options.”

A [new study](#) by Andrew Moylan, executive director and senior fellow of the R Street Institute, assigns localities with letter grades for their regulatory structure related to short-term lodging services, such as Airbnb, HomeAway, and FlipKey. The report, titled “Roomscore 2016: Short-Term Rental Regulation in U.S. Cities,” grades 59 U.S. cities in five categories: whether a legal framework exists, the level of restrictions, taxation, licensing, and enforcement.

The study first examines cities’ legal frameworks, ranking cities highly for having a regulatory structure that explicitly acknowledges and creates a legal foundation for rentals conducted on a short-term basis. The cities that are ranked the highest in this category include: Anaheim, CA; Austin, Texas; Boulder, CO; Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Galveston, TX; Louisville, KY; Nashville, Tennessee; Philadelphia, PA; Portland, OR; Sacramento, CA; San Francisco, CA; San Jose, CA; and Savannah, Georgia.

While many of the aforementioned cities possess robust laws in place to support short-term rental services, many of the cities have a hostile city enforcement regime for short-term rental restrictions, such as burdensome inspection regimes, disproportionately high insurance requirements, restrictive occupancy limits, mandates to provide vehicle parking spaces, and prescriptive regulations of a host’s location. Some of the cities with the most unfriendly environments for short-term rentals include: Anaheim, CA; Atlanta, GA; Denver, CO; Ft. Lauderdale, FL; and Los Angeles, CA.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCOM) announced its support of short-term rentals [in a 2012 resolution](#), which stated the overall economic impact created by short-term rentals is positive. “Fair regulation of short-term rentals ensures greater compliance and greater receipt of local hotel taxes. Onerous regulations of short-term rentals can drive the industry underground, thus evading local regulations and local hotel taxes,” wrote USCOM.

Short-term rental services provide individuals, businesses, and consumers with economic opportunities. Lawmakers should support the rights of those who profit from the short-term rental industry, a decision that will encourage economic growth and free-market competition.

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## Budget & Tax

### Research & Commentary: Do Right-to-Work Laws Cause Income Inequality?

One of the most commonly used attacks against right-to-work laws is the claim they increase economic inequality. In this *Research & Commentary*, Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans examines a new study by American Enterprise Institute researchers Jeffrey Jordan, Aparna Mathur, Abdul Manasib, and Devesh Roy showing this claim is likely untrue. “Inequality in the U.S. started to exacerbate in the mid-1980s,” wrote the AEI researchers. “If RTW had an impact on inequality, it would have to be that RTW started to have a causal effect on inequality in the states that enacted the law in the 1940s and the 1950s with a lag of more than 30 years.” [Read more](#)

## Constitutional Reform

### Introducing ‘Article V 2.0’: The Compact for a Balanced Budget

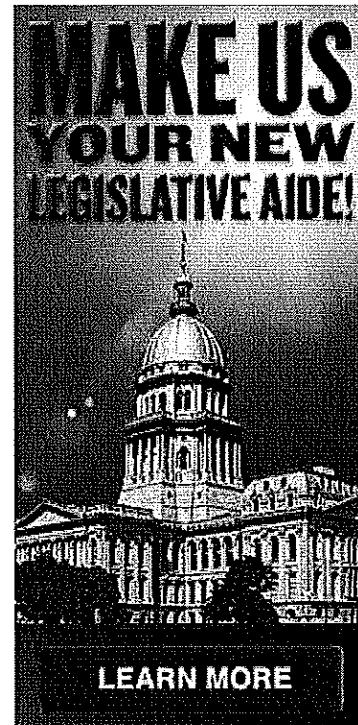
As the federal debt approaches \$18 trillion, a balanced budget amendment has emerged as one of few viable options for curbing government spending. The Article V process for amending the U.S. Constitution, however, is long and tedious.

In a new Heartland Institute report, titled “Introducing ‘Article V 2.0’: A Compact for a Balanced Budget,” Nick Dranias, a constitutional law expert, asks the question, “[W]hat if the states could advance and ratify a powerful federal balanced budget amendment in just 12 months?” Dranias says the Compact for a Balanced Budget could accomplish that task, “changing the political game almost immediately.” [Read more](#)

## Education

### Research & Commentary: Maryland Education Tax-Credit Scholarships

A new proposal being considered in Maryland would grant businesses tax credits in exchange for donations supporting nonprofit scholarship programs for students to attend a private school. If passed, the program would establish the \$15 million Maryland Education Tax Credit Reserve Fund, from which businesses would receive tax credits equal to 60 percent of those donations, not exceeding \$200,000 in a taxable year. In this *Research & Commentary*, Policy Analyst Tim Benson wrote,



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"These tax-credit scholarships would be administered by nonprofit Student Assistant Organizations (SAOs), which would work as middlemen that distribute contributions as scholarships for low-income students to attend private schools. Extracurricular programs at public schools would also be funded using SAOs." [Read more](#)

#### **Energy & Environment**

##### **Study: Science Teachers Giving Unbalanced Education on Climate Change**

H. Sterling Burnett, research fellow at The Heartland Institute, discusses a new nationwide survey of 1,500 U.S. middle and high school science teachers - conducted by the National Center for Science Education and published in the February 12 issue of *Science* - in this *Heartlander* report. The survey found half of the teachers who discuss climate change in the classroom ignore evidence showing natural forces play a significant role in climate change. The survey found approximately 70 percent of middle school and 87 percent of high school science teachers discuss global warming in the classroom, spending an average of less than two hours over the course of an entire academic year on the topic. More than half of the middle and high school science teachers discussing climate change teach humans' use of fossil fuels is mostly responsible for recent global climate changes. About 30 percent of science teachers discuss human actions and natural processes as potential causes of climate change, and 12 percent of science teachers addressing climate change do not emphasize possible human causes. [Read more](#)

#### **Health Care**

##### **Research & Commentary: Colorado Should Reject Single-Payer Health Care**

In November 2016, Colorado voters will consider a ballot measure that would enact a state constitutional amendment creating "ColoradoCare," a single-payer, government-run health care system in Colorado. Colorado would be the second state to attempt creating a single-payer health care system; the first was Vermont, which abandoned its plans in December 2014.

In this *Research & Commentary*, Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans examines ColoradoCare and the many problems the proposed single-payer system would create. "The Heartland Institute argues the best way to preserve individual freedom, improve the quality of health care, and enhance the efficiency of the nation's health care system is to empower individuals by giving them more control over the dollars spent on their behalf. Single-payer systems do the exact opposite. Colorado

of *Environment & Climate News* reports some 300 scientists, engineers, and economists sent a letter to U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith, chairman of the House Science Committee, warning data used by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to produce a 2015 report on climate change failed to comply with the Data Quality Act. "If NOAA had obeyed the law and carried out the required peer review of [the report], this whole affair could have been avoided. Hopefully NOAA will obey the law in the future," said William Happer, Ph.D., of Princeton University.

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should resist completing the transition to ColoradoCare and instead pursue policies emphasizing consumer-driven health care.” [Read more](#)

### From Our Free-Market Friends

#### A State-by-State Map of Worker Freedom

The Center for Worker Freedom (CWF), a project of Americans for Tax Reform, provides a detailed look at labor laws related to public school teachers in its recently released “2016 Indicator of Labor Liberty” maps. The maps show how a ruling in favor of workers’ rights in *Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association* would have benefited parts of the country still dominated by detrimental labor laws. The Supreme Court affirmed the decision made by a lower court on March 29 in a 4-4 split vote, ruling in favor of unions. CWF offers two versions of the map; one highlights the status quo of labor law across the country, and the other demonstrates how government workers in 21 states would have been freed from forced unionization if the Supreme Court had ruled mandatory dues unconstitutional. [Read more](#)

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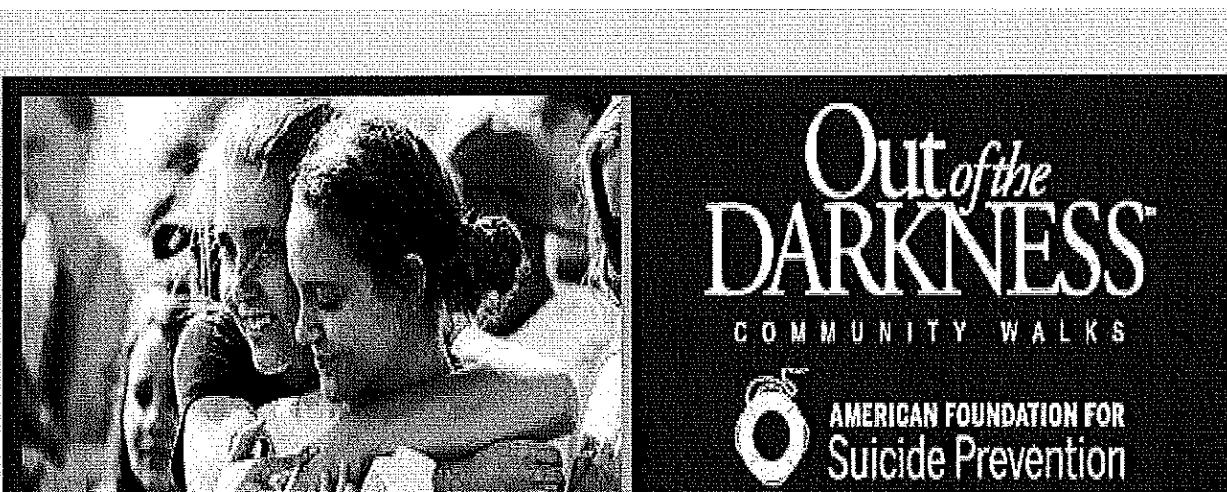


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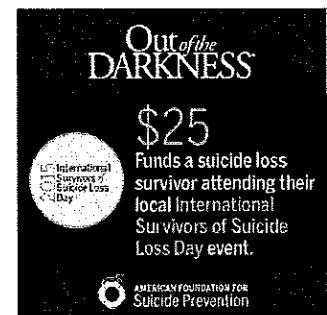
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Hi R,

Good morning! I wanted to pass along a few network updates and business development resources that you will hopefully find valuable as you go about your important (and much appreciated) work to grow Northeast Ohio's economy.

**JobsOhio Monthly Metrics Reports:** JobsOhio recently posted its [March 2016 Metrics Report](#), which provides useful data on projects that have received JobsOhio support. This report is a great research resource as it shows deals that have gone through the pipeline and the type of funding that was awarded. As you're preparing to meet with companies, I encourage you to research these reports to gather insights that can help inform your discussion. To view all past reports, please visit: <http://jobs-ohio.com/about/monthly-metrics/>

**Sales Activity:** The month of April has been a busy one on the sales front. Below are a few highlights of recent and upcoming activities.

- **New York Market Visit:** Last week, a team from Northeast Ohio conducted a site visit to New York, meeting with several site selection consultants. During their meetings, site selectors commented on a number of trends they are seeing in the market:
  - Site selectors emphasized the growing importance of partnerships between business and higher education, noting that associate degrees and two-year certifications have become increasingly valuable. Site

selectors were very positive about these partnerships taking shape in Northeast Ohio.

- Not surprisingly, site selectors noted that data quality and response expectations of their clients continues to be challenging to manage, acknowledging the difficulty that places on economic developers.
- Finally, site selectors stressed that while they are not seeing a slowdown in deal activity, deals are moving through the pipeline at a slower rate, increasing the overall project timeline.
- **Chinaplas 2016:** Taking place April 25 – 28 in Shanghai, [Chinaplas 2016](#) represents Asia’s number one plastics and rubber trade fair. Team NEO will be sending a team to the fair and will use the opportunity to meet with companies in this important driver industry.
- **Hannover Messe 2016:** This week, a delegation from Northeast Ohio departed for the [Hannover Messe](#), the world’s leading trade fair for industrial technology. JobsOhio, along with Team NEO, the City of Akron, Summit County, the Greater Akron Chamber, the City of Fairlawn and the City of Mentor will all be in attendance.

**Celebration Event – May 10:** As I noted last week, Team NEO is joining the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) ***Tuesday, May 10 from 8:30am – 10:30am*** at the Embassy Suites in Independence to celebrate “Economic Development Week.” Created by IEDC, the first-ever Economic Development Week seeks to acknowledge the achievements of economic developers. During the event, we will walk attendees through our three-year Strategic Plan, highlighting how our work can be leveraged throughout the economic development system. Attendees will also hear from IEDC about its national conference taking place in Cleveland September 25-28. For additional information about the event and to register, please click [here](#).

**Exporting and Foreign-Trade Zone Toolbox Seminar:** Exports play a key role in Northeast Ohio's economy, which we recently highlighted in our latest [Quarterly Economic Review](#). Understanding the importance of exports to our region's economy, NEOTEC, in conjunction with the U.S. Commercial Service, is hosting an Exporting and Foreign-Trade Zone Toolbox Seminar on **Thursday, May 12**, at Kent State University Stark Conference Center in North Canton. This full-day seminar will provide companies with resources available for export development, where and how to get export financing, how to overcome the challenges of international documentation and logistics requirements, and how to use the Foreign-Trade Zone Program as an export tool. For additional information and to register, please [click here](#).

**Leveraging the Region's Innovation Ecosystem:** As highlighted in this recent [blog post](#) from JobsOhio, Little Tikes recently received a grant from MAGNET to support its expanding custom molding business. The award is just one example of how companies are leveraging our economic development ecosystem partners to grow their businesses. To learn more about our region's innovation clusters and how to get engaged in their work, [click here](#).

**Share Your Input:** Just a reminder for those who have not yet taken our network survey, we would greatly appreciate your input! As we look to improve engagement in the Northeast Ohio network, your feedback will be helpful in determining how Team NEO can better support your work. The survey is being conducted by an outside party and all responses will remain anonymous and confidential. The first 200 respondents will be offered a \$5 gift card to Panera Bread. The survey should only take 10-15 minutes to complete. To get started, please [click here](#). If you have already completed the survey, thank you.

Here's to another successful and productive week in Northeast Ohio! I hope you have a great weekend.

Steve

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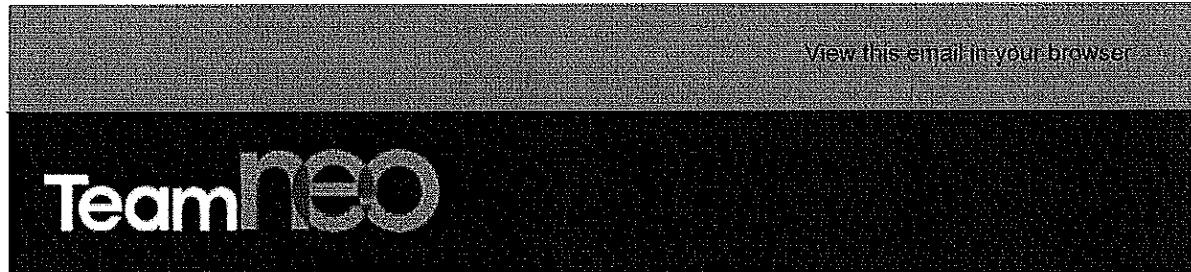
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## Northeast Ohio Celebrates Economic Development Week



*More than 150 economic development professionals celebrated Economic Development week on May 10. [View more photos.](#)*

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Last week we celebrated Economic Development Week, allowing us the opportunity to say thank you for the good work you do every day to grow our local and national economies. We are grateful so many of you attended our celebration and hope you agree that it was time well spent to engage with our colleagues, celebrate your achievements and have a dialogue about your needs and concerns.

For those who were unable to attend, please be assured of our appreciation for all you do to support economic growth in Northeast Ohio.

I want to follow up on a few items from the meeting:

- **We ran out of time to address some questions. Please [click here](#) to see questions and responses.**
- **Content Marketing Campaign**
  - At each table we provided an overview of the automotive content marketing campaign that was launched in mid-March. We included the research conducted prior to the launch, the executions and deliverables utilized to garner leads and the results to date for the campaign. Please [click here](#) to view these documents.
- **Resolutions**
  - We did not have enough time to read all resolutions, but there were many counties and cities that recognized the efforts of your work through resolutions/proclamations. In all, there were 18 as follows:
    - City of Akron
    - City of Cleveland (2 – one from the Mayor of Cleveland and one from the Cleveland City Council)
    - County of Cuyahoga County
    - County of Lake
    - County of Mahoning
    - City of Medina
    - County of Medina

- State of Ohio
  - County of Portage
  - County of Richland
  - City of Shaker Heights
  - City of Solon
  - County of Summit
  - County of Trumbull
  - City of Wadsworth
  - City of Warrensville Heights
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Again thank you for all the hard work you do and we look forward to collaborating soon.

**Bill Koehler**

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Hi R,

Happy Friday! A couple of people have asked me what this Friday email thing is all about. Simple. I think a network is stronger when it shares resources that can inform, build capacity and enable success. What you see each Friday is a composition of things that crossed my radar throughout the week that I think you might find interesting...and if you do, share it with a peer! Here we go:

**Innovation Cluster Resource Map:** Knowing all of the resources available to support business innovation and growth continues to be an opportunity for Northeast Ohio economic developers. Check out this [regional resource map](#) that identifies, by NEO innovation cluster, research and institutional resources that are available to companies for access to people, specialized infrastructure, and technical knowledge.

**Measuring Distress:** Growth and opportunity for all Northeast Ohio residents is critical to the success of our region's prosperity. I've had a few people inquire about ways that a community can better understand what defines "distressed," particularly in the context of grants to support these types of initiatives. Here is a [tool provided by the U.S. Economic Development Administration](#) that can help with this assessment.

**Where Your County's Workforce Comes From:** In 2014, our research team executed a request to better understand our regional workforce migration. This is really interesting on a variety of levels, but perhaps most importantly it helps depict the

opportunity to leverage resources that may be outside of your county in order to help businesses grow inside your county. Just another sample of our research team's capabilities. [Check out the data maps here.](#)

**Challenges and Opportunities for Economic Developers:** I was perusing the International Economic Development Council's 2015-2020 Strategic Plan and thought you would be interested in the areas that IEDC identifies as having impact on the future of our profession. Of particular note are the entries about new entities and the impact on partnership and collaboration, the use of technology for data and systematic communication, public debt and economic recovery, human capital and demographic shifts, evolving business models and the introduction of performance-based metrics into the economic development practice. Check out the [IEDC Five Year Strategic Plan here.](#)

**OEDA Mid-Year Briefing:** On Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, JobsOhio and the Ohio Development Services Agency will be sharing updates about their respective organizations, including structure, programs and initiatives that may support your business development work. The event will also feature an OEDA legislative update and policy predictions for the rest of the year. [Learn more and register here.](#)

So...did you find anything interesting?

Have a great weekend and Go Cavs!

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Hi R,

A bunch of useful NEO economic development-related items crossed my radar this week. Maybe you know about them, maybe you don't. There is only one way to find out...

**TIF-like Tools for Downtown Redevelopment:** The State of Ohio recently passed [Downtown Redevelopment District legislation \(HB 233\)](#) that provides new tools, including property assessment and TIF-like provisions, available to rehabilitate historic buildings, promote economic development, and advance innovation. Funds can be utilized for loans and grants to owners of historic and non-historic properties, contributions to special improvement districts or CICs, public infrastructure improvements, and grants and loans to technology oriented businesses, incubators and accelerators located in innovation districts. The CDFA Ohio Financing Roundtable in partnership with the Ohio Economic Development Association is hosting a timely webcast to share more about this legislation and recommendations about how communities can utilize these new tools. [Registration is free and open to all interested stakeholders.](#)

**PA's Cracker and NEO's Petrochemical Industry:** Many peers have said over the past few years that a [major investment such as this](#) will benefit the entire Shale and Downstream supply chain in the OH, PA, WV Tri-State area. Our expert, [Paul Boulier](#), says that companies in the Petrochemicals, Plastics, and converted products space stand to benefit over the long term by the creation of a localized, very efficient supply

chain to serve the major end-use markets within 500 miles of our location, namely Automotive, Aerospace, Medical, Packaging, and Industrial manufacturers. Continued development in this space will also benefit related metal fabrication and machinery producers. [Connect with a partner](#) and coordinate discussions with NEO businesses who can benefit from such an important investment...and leverage our subject matter expertise for a conversation.

**Supporting Minority-owned Business Growth in NEO:** The Ohio Minority Supplier Development Council provides companies with growth resources & opportunities to meet with corporate and public sector buyers who are interested in working with qualified MBEs. There could be growth benefits to companies in your communities, should they consider the certification program offered through the Council. Certification benefits include: local, regional and national referrals of minority business to member corporations; Access to corporate buyers; inclusion in the OMSDC and National Minority Supplier Development Council MBE computer databases; participation in education programs and workshops to assist in personal, business and professional growth. [Learn more here](#)

**FDI in Ohio:** The Development Services Agency [published a report that includes data about internationally owned companies with establishments in Ohio](#), broken down both by country of parent company and by Ohio county. Foreign-owned companies can represent tremendous growth opportunities, as the USA market continues to be a strong performer for so many of these companies. As you're thinking about connecting with these companies, also think about how our international outreach efforts can be leveraged. Perhaps we can connect with a parent company executive when our team is abroad on sales missions. Connect with [Bernardine van Kessel](#) to discuss how we might coordinate such an effort.

**Tools for Reshoring:** The International Economic Development Council has a dedicated effort to helping practitioners better understand reshoring, providing a micro-

site that includes a number of tools and resources that might be useful when talking with businesses about how they might source more production (and suppliers) in the US. [Check it out here](#)

**Grant Funding Opportunities for Manufacturers:** Practitioners are constantly looking to leverage available resources that can assist companies with growth, particularly funding tools that offset associated costs. [MAGNET maintains a list of grant programs](#) available to support manufacturers, updating it regularly so check it often.

**Team NEO Report on the Cost of Doing Business in NEO:** The findings of Team NEO's Quarterly Economic Review will be presented the morning of June 22 at the Global Center for Health Innovation, sponsored by Medical Mutual. The agenda will include a review of the report in detail as well as a guest speaker, Dr. Teresa Koenig, Sr. Medical Officer at Medical Mutual. She will provide insight on how to keep a healthy workforce, thus keeping medical expenses in check. Register for the event [here](#).

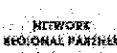
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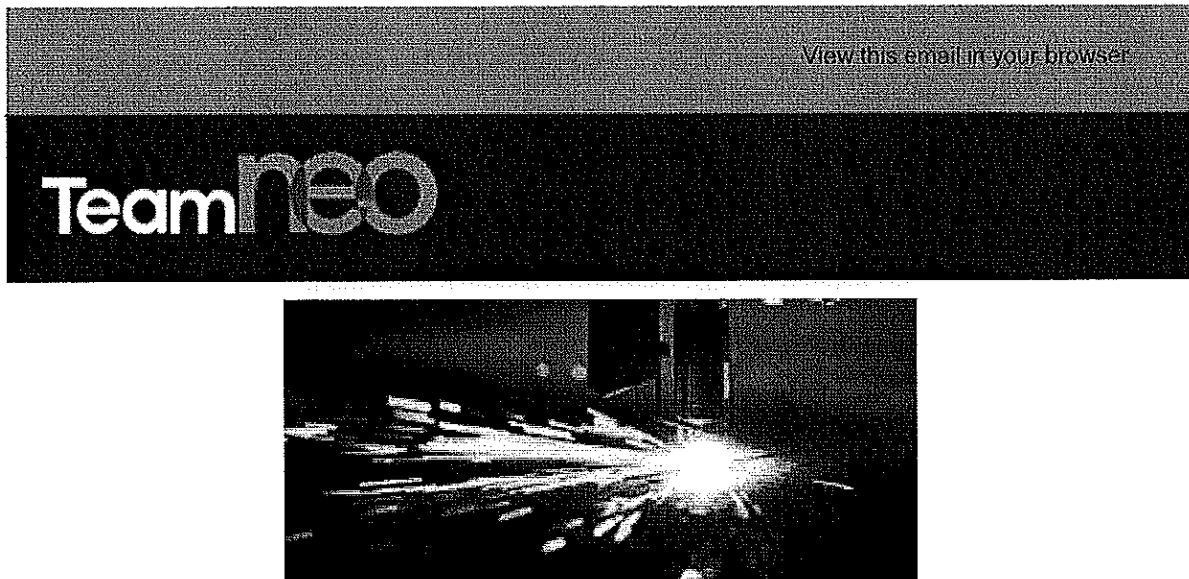


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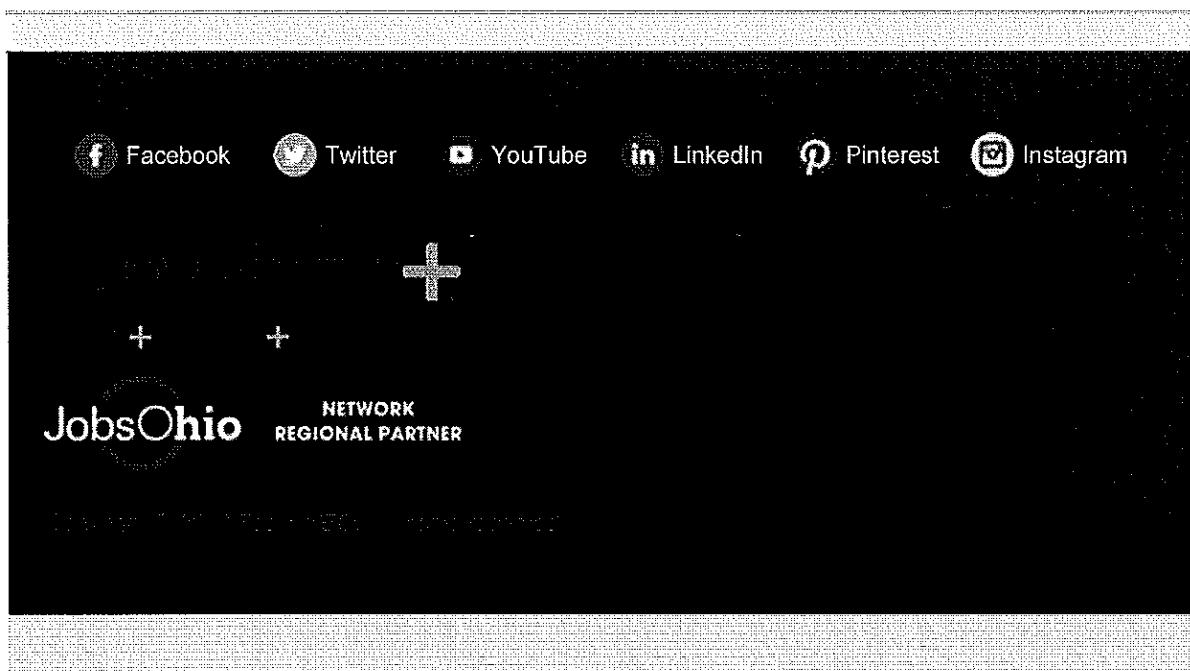
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# MEP Quarterly

**The Ohio Manufacturing Extension  
Partnership (OhioMEP) provides technical**

## **and operational support for small and medium-sized manufacturers.**

OhioMEP supports Ohio's small and medium-sized manufacturers by providing products, services and assistance to help drive their productivity, growth and global competitiveness. Small and medium-sized manufacturing companies are critical to Ohio, representing 90% of job growth for high-paying jobs. For every new manufacturing job that is created or retained, three to five supporting jobs are also created.

Managed by the Ohio Development Services Agency's Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship, OhioMEP is a State and Federal initiative sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). To serve the diversity of Ohio's industrial base, OhioMEP manages a network of regional affiliate service organizations that are strategically selected and coordinated to serve as a statewide resource to meet the needs of key industry sectors and small manufacturers.

**464**

jobs created

**843**

jobs retained

**\$103MM**

new client investment

**\$33MM**

cost savings

**\$76MM**

retained sales

**\$53MM**

new sales

As reported by customers through a 3rd party survey | April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016



**Tech Hub**  
Positioning Ohio to capture both near-term and next generation commercial aircraft supply chain opportunities. [Read More](#)



**Dave Wickelhaus**  
A key team member for the development of MiniViz® has been named one of Smart Manufacturing Magazine's 9s 30 Advanced Manufacturing Visionaries.



**Upcoming Events**  
The OneOhio Summit, the [Ohio Signature Food Contest](#), and visitors to Lorain County Community College [Read More](#)



**LinkedIn**  
MAGNET recently created a whitepaper for the system on how to better market your



**Affiliate Showcase**  
Learn more about [FASTLANE's Clothes that](#)



**Success Stories**  
Hirschvogel uses apprenticeship program to develop a skilled

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## Heritage Ohio News

Sponsorship Highlights with Sylvia Allen Webinar on August 17th  
How successful are your sponsorship selling efforts? Great? OK? Mediocre? Non-existent? Attend this webinar and watch Sylvia Allen profile an Ohio community and demonstrate how you can be great. This is a prelude to the one-day seminar being held on September 14 in Vermilion, OH. Discover what you are doing right and what you are doing wrong ... it's a simple formula for success, applied to a real situation. Don't miss it! This webinar is pending approval for 1 AIA continuing education credit. Webinars are a free for Heritage Ohio Members. Read more [HERE](#)

Sylvia Allen Sponsorship Workshop Coming to Vermilion on September 14th

Are your nonprofit sponsorship efforts paying off with successful "asks", revenue for your event, and happy sponsors who feel valued? If not, then join us in Vermilion on September 14th for a full day of sponsorship training, courtesy of Sylvia Allen. Sylvia will spend the day with us discussing the current sponsorship landscape, the wrong and right way to approach potential sponsors, demonstrating how to value sponsorship levels, giving insights on how to best service the sponsors, and

answering your questions. Whether you are new to the sponsorship scene or an old pro looking to brush up on your skills, spend the day with us, applying Sylvia's lessons and watch your efforts flourish. Read more [HERE](#)

Heritage Ohio Annual Conference Registration Open  
The 2016 Heritage Ohio Annual Preservation and Revitalization Conference will be held in Cincinnati from October 10th through the 12th at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza. Book your room today to save! Read more [HERE](#)

## **Learning Opportunities**

IEDC Conference Coming to Cleveland in September  
The Board of Directors for the International Economic Development Council, extend you an invitation to come to Cleveland for the 2016 Annual Conference. IEDC's Annual Conference is the largest event of its kind. Annual Conference sessions will cover the topics which are essential to you as economic development practitioners. It is anticipated that this year's conference will be one of the largest attended in history. This year's conference offers the added benefit of taking place during the year of IEDC's 90th anniversary as the premier professional membership organization for economic developers. Read more [HERE](#)

Cities Alive: Towards a Walking World Report - ARUP  
Mobility is intrinsic to the quality of life experienced in cities. But for the past century, the car has dominated how we plan and grow our urban areas. We must now seize the opportunity to place people back at the heart of our cities and drive a human focused approach to the design of the built environment. With a growing desire to create more liveable streets, a light needs to be shone upon the benefits of walking as a catalyst for developing sustainable, healthy, prosperous and attractive cities. From 70 years of practice, Arup recognises that a walkable city is a better city and that the more we walk, the better the city in every respect. Read more [HERE](#)

## **Funding Opportunities and Awards**

## Innovative Funding Programs for Placemaking

Coming from a broad range of philanthropic interests, funders are continuing to integrate placemaking efforts with innovative grantmaking programs. Last October, a group of 32 representatives from diverse organizations across the United States and Canada gathered in Brooklyn, New York, for a day-long discussion on the intersections between placemaking and philanthropy. The event was held in conjunction with a Grassroots Grantmakers “On The Ground” event. Now in its second year, the Funders Forum (generously sponsored by the Kresge Foundation) is a program of the Placemaking Leadership Council (PLC), and this year’s exciting conversations spanned a range of topics essential to the placemaking movement, from messaging and metrics to capacity building and community empowerment. Read more [HERE](#)

## Revitalization News

### Walkability Reaches a Tipping Point - Doggerel

As cars became the dominant mode of transportation over the past 100 years, the world reconfigured its cities to accommodate them, widening roads and building behemoths of highways while neglecting other means of mobility — walking, for instance. But now, it seems the era of the auto is waning. Urbanization, demographic shifts, and rapid technological change are leading to a decline in car ownership in many countries. How do we take advantage of these trends to create a more sustainable, healthier future? How do we make cities built for cars (which, in the United States, means almost every city) walkable again? Read more [HERE](#)

### Open Streets: 10 Cities That Put Cars in Park for a Day - USA Today

Some of the world’s largest cities are saying no to cars — at least for a few hours. Open Streets programs close miles of major thoroughfares, allowing bicyclists and pedestrians to wander urban areas in temporary car-free zones. “It’s a chance for families and older adults to move freely,” says Mike Lydon of OpenStreetsProject.org, an advocacy group. The movement became popular in the 1970s in Bogota, where it’s called Ciclovía, Spanish for “cycleway.” The city now closes 70 miles of roads every Sunday and federal holidays, and the practice has spread around

the world. Lydon shares some favorite programs with Larry Bleiberg for USA TODAY. Read more [HERE](#)

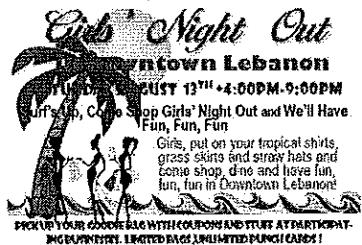
What the 1880s Tell Us About Why the Rich are Moving to Cities Today - Washington Post

Wealthy, college-educated residents with the budget to bid up home prices are increasingly turning up in the center of major American cities, driving a generation-long shift in demand for downtown living. The trend is notable for what preceded it: For decades, until about 1990, people with options largely dodged city centers. But if you look much further back in history, an interesting pattern emerges. More than a century ago, before the rise of electric streetcars, the Model T and modern suburbs, the rich lived in the hearts of cities and the working class farther out.

Read more [HERE](#)

## Ohio Main Street Events

	<p>Chardon Brewfest 2016 Chardon Tomorrow Saturday, August 13th, 12pm to 5pm Chardon Square <a href="http://ChardonTomorrow.org"><u>ChardonTomorrow.org</u></a></p>
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Girls Night Out  
Main Street Lebanon  
Saturday, August 13th, 4pm to 9pm  
Downtown Lebanon  
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# YOUR WEEKLY FORECASTER

A LOOK AHEAD AT THE JACKSON-BELDEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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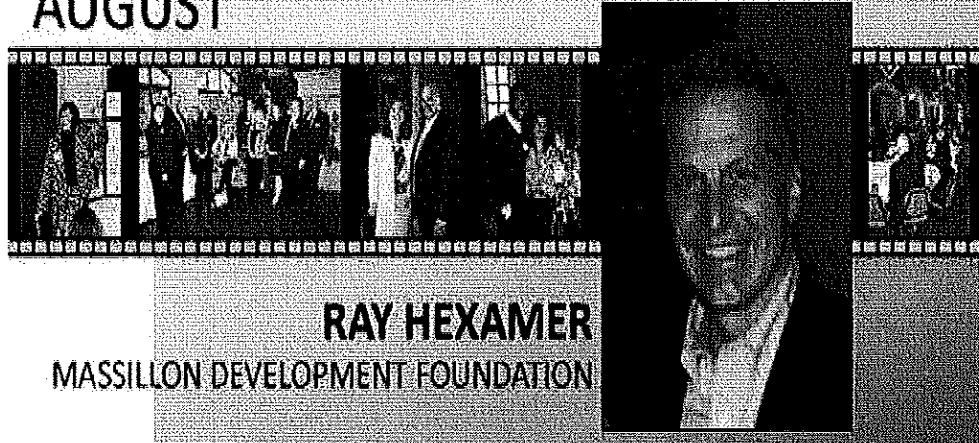
It's a busy week! Join us for the August AultCare QuickConnect with Ray Hexamer, Massillon Development Foundation, on Wednesday and then Golf with us on Friday at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course for the 2016 Annual JBCC Golf Outing! It's going to be a great week!!

And next week, join us at The Irish Pub & Grill to welcome Vassas Telecommunications Consulting to the community. This event will be on Tuesday, August 23 from 5:00pm - 6:00pm with an Open House until 7:00pm. You won't want to miss the opportunity to welcome Jane and Vassas Telecommunications Consulting to the Chamber!



2016  
AultCare  
**QuickConnect**  
Networking Luncheon

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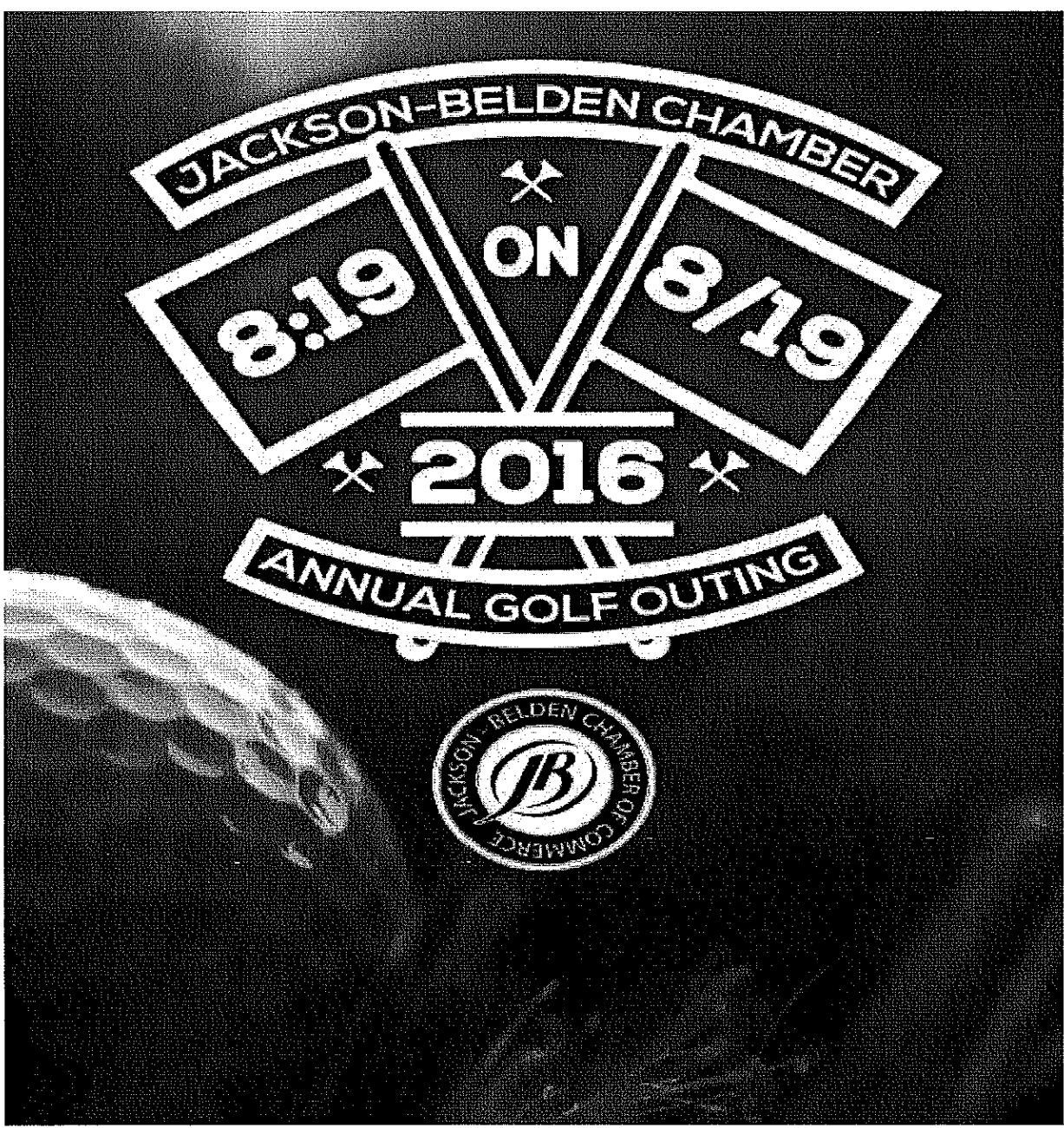
**RAY HEXAMER**  
MASSILLON DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Join us for our August networking luncheon as  
Ray Hexamer of the Massillon Development Foundation  
speaks on the topic,  
"Lead the VI"  
Wednesday, August 17, 2016

The monthly AultCare QuickConnect Networking Luncheons take place at Shady Hollow Country Club at 4895 Wales Ave NW, Massillon.

Registration begins at 11 a.m., and the luncheons run from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, contact the Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce at (330) 833-4400 or visit us online at [www.jbcc.org](http://www.jbcc.org).

**PLEASE NOTE:** Reservations are required. The cost is \$18 for Chamber members, and \$23 for non-members, registering by noon on Monday, August 15. Reservations after noon on Monday as well as walk-ins on the day of the luncheon pay the non-member price of \$23 and may not receive the advertised meal. Cancellations must be received at least 24 hours in advance; if not, you will be charged for your luncheon cost. A vegetarian meal option is available; requests must accompany your reservation. Reservations may be made online at [www.jbcc.org](http://www.jbcc.org).



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Hi R,

Good morning! Here are a few materials from around the network that may support your business development efforts.

**Breakfast at IEDC:** JobsOhio would like to invite you to join us for a breakfast event on September 28th from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Held in association with the IEDC Annual Conference in downtown Cleveland, the event will include breakfast, a consultant presentation, and networking. JobsOhio would like to take this opportunity to better get to know our economic development partners and to say "thank you" for your partnership and diligent work on behalf of your communities and the state of Ohio. Please register here.

**Defense Manufacturing Assistance Program:** The Department of Defense's Office of Economic Adjustment issued a grant through its Defense Industry Adjustment program to provide the region, which encompasses Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana, with assistance in mitigating the adverse impact of defense industry cuts. This approach draws extensively on a proven model for distressed community assistance and on programs directed toward job creation and retention. Learn more about this program and think about if it can apply to your work.

**Data Visualization Toys:** I came across DataUSA, a free, web-based tool that touts itself as the most comprehensive data visualization tool available. Sourced by a number of publically available data sources, it allows users to view profiles on geography,

industry, occupations and education. While this tool provides valuable insights, I would still highly endorse connecting with one of our partners or our research team in order to better understand what this data might mean or how it can apply to your business outreach or development work.

**Talent Attraction Report:** Mark Rantala leads the Lake County Ohio Port and Economic Development Authority and shared with me this report published by economic modeling company, EMSI. It depicts various challenges and opportunities that counties throughout the U.S. are facing in their attempts to attract or develop greater pools of skilled labor. This may be useful to check out as you think about your local efforts.

**Place Matters to Your Business, Your Community:** In this GAR Foundation blog post, GAR Foundation President, Christine Mayer, discusses the importance of "place" to all residents of Northeast Ohio. As we think about ways to make our communities more livable, Mayer notes the value of things like access to transportation to better connect residents to job centers and opportunities. I encourage you to give this article a read and consider how "place" plays a role in your community.

**Pass the Plus:** Sent on the first Tuesday of every month, Pass the Plus is Team NEO's monthly e-newsletter designed to share Northeast Ohio's positive news and information with Northeast Ohio residents. Our most recent issue was distributed earlier this week. To read the features stories from this month's edition, follow the links below.

- Manufacturing: The Three-legged Stool
- Higher Education Ranks High Nationally
- Economic Developers to Learn about Regional Successes, Industry Trends

Have a great weekend and GO BROWNS!

Steve

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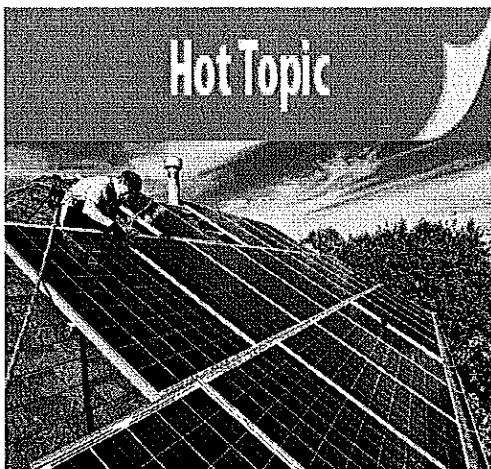
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## **States Explore Net Metering Reforms for Solar Customers**

On Dec. 23, 2015, the Nevada Public Utilities Commission, or PUC, set new rules for net metering, placing Nevada at ground zero of the nationwide debate regarding the appropriate pricing scheme for rooftop solar. While the state had previously allowed rooftop solar customers who sold power back to the electric grid to be compensated at the retail rate of electricity, the new PUC decision pays net metering customers a lower rate for power they produce and requires a higher fixed charge.

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## **Risk and Needs Assessment & Race in the Criminal Justice System**

In today's world, it is impossible to talk about the justice system without talking about race. In fact, with several high-profile incidents involving violent contact between law enforcement officers and minority residents, so much of today's conversation about justice policy and practice seems to focus specifically on race. CSG Justice Center staff explore racial disparity--and how to prevent racial bias--in the context of criminal risk and needs assessment.

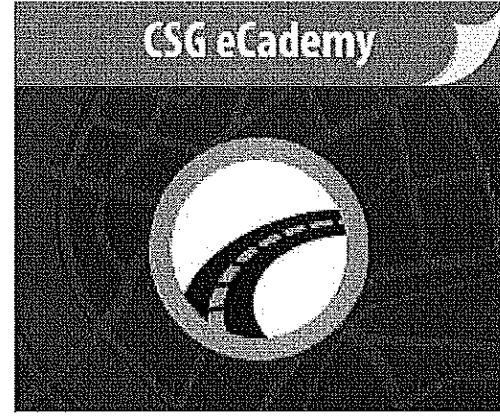
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### **The Child Care Dilemma: An Overview**

Affordable, high-quality and accessible child care is a challenge for many American families. CSG examines the balancing act familiar to many families in the United States--managing work and child care--and how states are working in conjunction with the federal government to improve the process for all families with young children.

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### **Rideshare Companies & Insurance: 2016 Developments & What's Ahead for 2017**

It has been a busy year on a number of fronts for rideshare companies such as Uber and Lyft. On Oct. 18, CSG and The Griffith Insurance Education Foundation will host the latest in a series of nonpartisan, non-advocative webinars looking at the insurance and regulatory issues impacting the rideshare industry. Tune in for a review of developments this year and a look ahead to the rideshare issues that face state policymakers in 2017.

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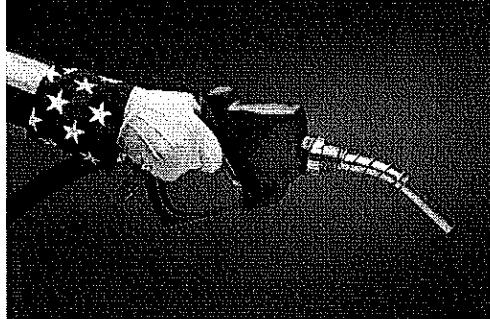


### State Tax Revenues Grow for the Fifth Consecutive Year

According to newly released data from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2015 Annual Survey of State Government Tax Collections, state government tax revenue increased 4.8 percent from fiscal year 2014 to fiscal year 2015—growing from \$875 billion to \$916.5 billion. It's the fifth consecutive year states have seen their tax revenue grow.

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## Capitol Comments



### New Jersey Lawmakers Approve Gas Tax Increase

New Jersey's Democrat-led Legislature approved a 23-cent gas tax increase last week after lawmakers struck a \$16 billion, eight-year deal with Republican Gov. Chris Christie that will also reduce the sales tax and eliminate the estate tax in the state. The deal will allow stalled transportation projects to resume after Christie halted all but the most essential ones in July as the state's transportation trust fund ran out of money and expired.

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## Conferences & Events

### Rideshare Companies & Insurance: 2016 Developments & What's Ahead for 2017

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2 p.m. EDT  
FREE CSG eCademy webcast  
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## Association News

**Risk Management Insurance Fundamentals: Insurance Regulation and Legislation**

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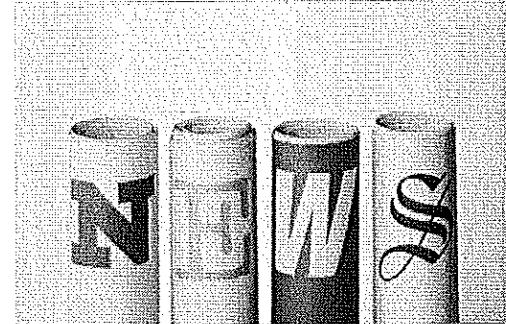
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**Workforce Development for People with Disabilities: Career Readiness & Employability**

Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2 p.m. EDT  
Part one of a four-part FREE CSG eCademy webcast series

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**Early Reg, Hotel Cutoff Approaching for 2016 CSG National Conference**

Tuesday, Oct. 25 will be the last day that the early registration rate is available for the 2016 CSG National Conference in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia. It also will be the last day to secure hotel accommodations in the CSG room block. Register and book today--rooms are selling out quickly!

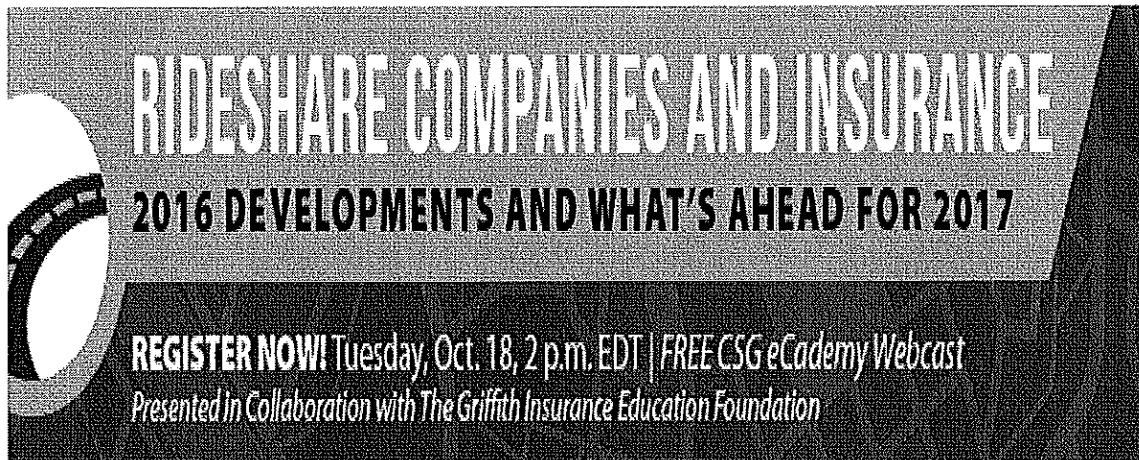
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If the dead people can still vote, why not allow the teenagers to vote as well? This way the Liberal Politicians can continue to get rich, while taking from those that pay taxes to give to those that do not earn any living. That way the politician can continue to buy their votes, and bring down this once great country.

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**Breaking: Anthony Weiner surprised the media by making this shock move to destroy Hillary.**

**Nobody saw this coming and it puts Hillary EXACTLY where she belongs!**

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**BREAKING – Huma Makes SHOCK FBI Decision, Hillary Is Panicking!**

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Is this the final blow to the Clinton campaign?

BREAKING – FBI Gets WARRANT, Says THIS is Will Happen to Hillary

No one thought this would happen so soon!!

BREAKING – 119 Dead People Voted 229 Times In THIS State – Trump Was RIGHT!

Dead Dems trying to spoil the election!

BREAKING – Dems Consider Doing The UNTHINKABLE To Hillary, Could Change Election Outcome

Would they really do this?

BREAKING – Congress Makes MAJOR Emergency Move Against Hillary R. Clinton

The October surprise has everyone in upheaval, Congress is no exception.

SICK! WikiLeaks Unleashes Bombshell – Every Voter Needs To See THIS Before Voting

Wikileaks is crushing the Clinton campaign!

WATCH – Fox Reporter Makes Shocking Hillary Indictment Prediction, Media STUNNED

Nobody expected this from Chris Wallace!

Just After Hillary Email Case Re-Opened By FBI, ‘Journalists’ Publicly MELT DOWN

We use the word journalist loosely!

**ALERT – Young Mother Mocks ‘Dirty Biker,’ His Response Is PERFECT**

If you think Liberal hate is something new, this Biker has a message for you.

**Damning New Evidence Comes Out Against Hillary, PROVES She Is Responsible for...**

It's not from Wikileaks. It's not from the FBI. It's seriously disturbing.

**HUNDREDS Of Fans Rally At Trump Tower, Chant ‘Drain the Swamp!’ – Trump’s Response is AWESOME!**

Trump is our guy!

**WATCH – ‘How They RIPPED OFF Haiti’ – Viral Video Exposes Clintons, Watch Before It’s DELETED!**

They should be in jail for this!

**BREAKING – Obama Caught Trying to Sabotage New Hillary Investigation, This is SICK**

It's Obama, but we still can't believe he would do this.

**WATCH – ‘It’s Her Own DAMN FAULT!’ – Trey Gowdy Responds to FBI Bombshell In Viral Video**

The look on Trey Gowdy's face seems to express the whole country's emotions!

**WATCH – After FBI Re-Opens Email Case, VP Biden TURNS On Hillary With THIS Shock Announcement**

The steadfast Biden seems to be abandoning ship.

**WATCH – Chris Wallace Drops BOMBSHELL On Hillary Campaign, She Can't Be President Because...**

What? We never expected this to come out of the mouth of a Liberal!

**WATCH – Rachel Maddow LOSES IT When She Hears Hillary's Bad News**

Listening to Maddow has never been this hilarious.

**ALERT – Loretta Lynch Wanted to RIG Election For Hillary, What She Did Next Is SICK**

What was she thinking?

**Hillary Holds TINY Rally In Daytona, So Trump Fans Had a Surprise Waiting For Her (It's AMAZING!)**

This is incredible! Just what Hillary deserves!

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Trump won this battle!

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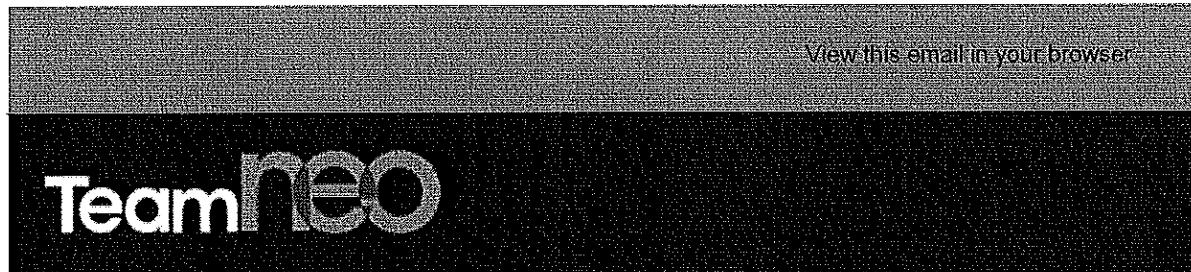
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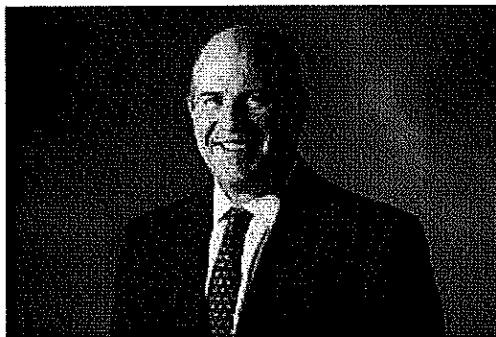


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## Northeast Ohio Economic Development System Update

### In This Issue:

- Message from Bill Koehler
- Projects of Note
- Partner Updates



## **A Message from Team NEO's CEO, Bill Koehler:**

I hope you are enjoying Fall in Northeast Ohio. While we didn't win the Fall Classic, the Indians certainly added to a memorable year for our region, which continues to thrive. Here is a quick update on the performance of our economic development system as it relates to our project work.

[Read more!](#)

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## **Projects of Note:**

- **Humtown Products** was founded in 1959 as a foundry to build sand molds in which machine parts were cast for industrial firms in agriculture, construction, national defense and heavy industry. In the 80s, Humtown started using CNC patterns and is now moving into the forefront of 3-D additive manufacturing. The firm plans to secure building space owned by the Columbiana County Port Authority (CCPA) to house an advanced 3D printer that will expand their production and R&D capabilities. This collaboration with America Makes and Youngstown State University (YSU) will bring unique production capabilities to the NEO region. Team NEO and JobsOhio worked with the CCPA and YSU to explore support options to make this happen at the Port's World Trade Park in Leetonia. To that end, a JobsOhio Revitalization Grant was provided to the company to fund needed building improvements. This project will create 5 new jobs with a payroll of \$264,067, retain 40 positions and cause a fixed asset investment to house a new S-Max+ printer, which weighs 16 tons, and runs in the neighborhood of \$2 million. The S-Max+ prints large complex sand cores and mold packages directly from CAD (computer-assisted design) data, eliminating the need for physical pattern or tooling.
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- **DriveTime** is the nation's largest dealer helping people with credit issues purchase a vehicle. Headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona, DriveTime operates over 139 dealerships across the country, with thousands of vehicles in stock. The company is seeking to establish a Midwest repair, service and distribution center. A location in Euclid, Ohio was identified; however, the 144,000 sf of vacant space requires a smoke ventilation system, upgrades to electrical and cement repair and replacement. This attraction opportunity was at a standstill. The City of Euclid reached out to Team NEO for assistance. Reducing costs was a major factor in the company's determination to proceed with the project in Ohio. JobsOhio Revitalization support fully enabled the project to move forward. The project will create 85 new jobs with an associated \$2.9 million payroll.
  - **Spirex** engineers, manufactures and markets differentiated products used for dispensing adhesives, coatings, sealants, biomaterials and other materials; for fluid management; for test and inspection; and for UV curing and plasma surface treatment. The company operates in multiple locations in OH including Boardman Township and is consolidating operations located in OH, GA, NC and PA. This project lead originated through a relationship and interaction that Team NEO has with the company's consultant. From this consultant engagement, an economic development team that included JobsOhio, Team NEO, the Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber, Austintown Township, Mahoning County, Ohio Development Services Agency's Governor's Office of Appalachia, First Energy and Ohio Means Jobs was mobilized to provide support to convince the company to create 143 jobs with a payroll of \$7,650,500, save 106 at risk positions with a payroll of \$6,318,231 and cause a fixed asset investment of \$22,381,400. There was heavy out of state competition for this project but ultimately Spirex was convinced to stay and expand in Northeast Ohio. This project will add processing operations that they currently do not undertake here and will also cause the company to occupy a vacant Austintown property.
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## **Partner Updates:**

- **OEDA Award Finalists:** Congratulations to many Northeast Ohio peers that were finalists for OEDA Excellence Awards at this year's Annual Summit, including the City of Hudson (Marketing - Velocity Broadband Awareness & Year in Review), Medina County Economic Development Corporation and City of Medina (Workforce Development Innovation - Made in Medina County), Lake County Combined Workforce Development (Collaborative Initiatives), Keith Boales of Ashland County (Volunteerism), Randall Partika, chair of the CASTLO Community Improvement Corporation (Volunteerism) and Timothy Cahill of the Lake County Ohio Port and Economic Development Authority (Rookie of the Year).
- **Made in Medina County Day:** On October 11th, Medina County Economic Development Corporation hosted Made in Medina County Day. Bethany Dentler and her team & partners hosted 12 plant tours around the county with 110 individuals participating. Eight of those tours featured elected officials working in the plants to highlight our commitment to industry. Participants indicated an increased appreciation of manufacturing careers and employees in the companies enjoyed the attention being brought to their positions.

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## Award Spotlight: City of Cuyahoga Falls - Great American River Day Cleanup & Beautification Project

This is the sixth part of a series spotlighting our 2016 Keep Ohio Beautiful Award winners. Keep Ohio Beautiful Great American Cleanup Award

This was the 27th year for the project and it saw an amazing number of groups who participated, local and national support and strong partnerships among Cuyahoga Falls' municipal departments. Long-term planning and early public education and outreach also helped to increase excitement with scout troops, students, business organizations and citizens of all ages.

On the day of the event, 80 volunteers picked up litter, removed invasive garlic mustard, planted species trees and worked on flowerscape plantings and mulching.

It was truly a community improvement project that will have long-lasting benefits for the environment, as well as strengthen the dedication and commitment of people who live in Cuyahoga Falls.



Congratulations to the City of Cuyahoga Falls

## **Ohio EPA Recycling & Litter Prevention Grant Info - Webinar**

**Ohio EPA is accepting applications for several types of recycling & litter prevention grants Ohio EPA will host a webinar about the grants on Wednesday, November 16, 2016**

**[CLICK HERE](#)**

Ohio EPA administers programs relating to statewide source reduction, recycling, market development, litter prevention and scrap tire recycling projects. Grant applications for all four programs are due February 3, 2017. Grant programs available include the following competitive grants providing opportunities for communities, local governments, businesses nonprofit organizations, and state agencies and departments to establish and implement recycling, market development, litter prevention and scrap tire recycling programs.

- \*     **Community Development Grant:** This funding allows Ohio communities to support and expand community recycling and litter prevention efforts. Grants provide funding for equipment purchases related to recycling collection and materials processing. Those eligible to apply include municipal corporations, counties, townships, villages, state colleges or universities, solid waste management districts and authorities, park districts, health districts, state-wide recycling and litter prevention trade associations, and non-profit organizations. In addition, state agencies or departments may apply directly for community development grant funding. The grant requires fifty percent (50%) matching funds to be available.
- \*     **Litter Management Grant:** This program accepts grant applications from Ohio communities and nonprofit organizations to support litter and tire amnesty collection projects. Grant proposals must include an actual cleanup activity to take place on public land or public waterways. In addition to local government entities, Keep Ohio Beautiful affiliates are also eligible. The grant requires a ten percent (10%) match.
- \*     **Market Development Grant:** These funds are offered to Ohio businesses and nonprofit organizations that propose to purchase equipment infrastructure for successful markets of recyclable materials and related products. The program seeks proposals involving materials collected or processed in Ohio. Applicants must be sponsored by an eligible governmental agency who will serve as the grant applicant and a pass-through agency for documenting and receiving funds. The grant requires a commitment to provide one hundred percent (100%) matching funds.
- \*     **Scrap Tire Grant:** This program provides financial assistance to Ohio's local government entities Ohio businesses and non-profit organizations to convert manufacturing operations to accept scrap tire material, expand tire processing operations, or utilize scrap tire material in civil engineering projects or manufactured products. Businesses or non-profit

organizations, must secure a local government sponsor to serve as the grant applicant. The grant requires a commitment to provide one hundred percent (100%) matching funds.

Grant applications for all programs are due February 3, 2017. Grant awards will be announced in April 2017, with funding available in July 2017. Additional information can be found at [www.recycleohio.gov](http://www.recycleohio.gov) or by contacting Chet Chaney, Environmental Supervisor, Ohio EPA at [atchet.chaney@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:atchet.chaney@epa.ohio.gov) or by calling (614) 728-0043, or by contacting Marie Barnett, Grants Administrator, Ohio EPA at [marie.barnett@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:marie.barnett@epa.ohio.gov) or by calling (614) 705-1019.

## **Small and Rural Affiliates Call**

**Reminder: Small and Rural Affiliates Call**

**When: November 16, 2016 2:00-3:00 PM EDT**

**Topic: Beautification**

All affiliates who consider themselves to be in a small or rural community are encouraged to participate in the group. To join the call, which will focus on beautification, please dial 877.394.5901 and use access code 8559219#.

## **New Executive Director Calls**

On the *fourth Wednesday of each month from February-October (and fifth Wednesday in November at 4:00 pm ET)*, Keep America Beautiful trainers and staff will be available to discuss topics of interest.

To join the calls, dial 877.394.5901 and use access code 4867064#

- Each call will feature a beginning topic or theme to engage attendees before opening it up to general questions.
- 45 minutes targeted length.
- John Deuel serves as National Trainer and call coordinator.

## **THRIVE with Keep America Beautiful Member Store!**

Over the past few months we have shared information about our recent partnership with Thrive GPO, a group purchasing organization dedicated to helping nonprofits spend less so they can do more.

We are now pleased to announce the launch of the Keep America Beautiful Member Store through the Thrive GPO Marketplace! The purpose of the Member Store is to focus on the most significant items all KAB affiliates need to purchase in the fulfillment of their mission.

Items will be added as we combine our national purchasing power, giving Thrive GPO the ability to continue to negotiate national agreements on our behalf.

[Click here](#) to review a sampling of the items currently available.

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## **Current Grants Up for Grabs**

### **Arbor Day's TD Green Streets Program**

**Deadline:**

**November 23, 2016**

[Apply Here](#)

Through the TD Green Streets program, the Arbor Day Foundation supports innovative practices in community forestry. In 2017, grants of up to \$20,000 will be awarded to municipalities to support local forestry projects in low- to moderate-income neighborhoods. This is a reimbursement grant - funds will be provided on completion of the project and a final report.

### **Southwest Airlines Heart of the Community Grant**

**Deadline: December 5, 2016**

[Apply Here](#)

Launched in 2014 with lead partner, Project for Public Spaces, the Heart of the Community grants provide financial and technical assistance to local community partners who seek to bring new life to their public spaces. By supporting central, vibrant, active public spaces, the Heart of the Community grants facilitate community connections.

### **Walmart Foundation's Community Grant Program**

**Deadline December 31, 2016**

The Walmart Foundation is accepting applications through its Community Grant Program. Through the annual program, grants of up to \$2,500 will be awarded to nonprofit organization within the service area of individual Walmart stores. Grants will be awarded in the areas of hunger relief and healthy eating, sustainability, women's economic empowerment, and/or career opportunities. Other funding requests for programs that work toward strengthening the local community will also be considered.

For more details and to apply, [click here](#).

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